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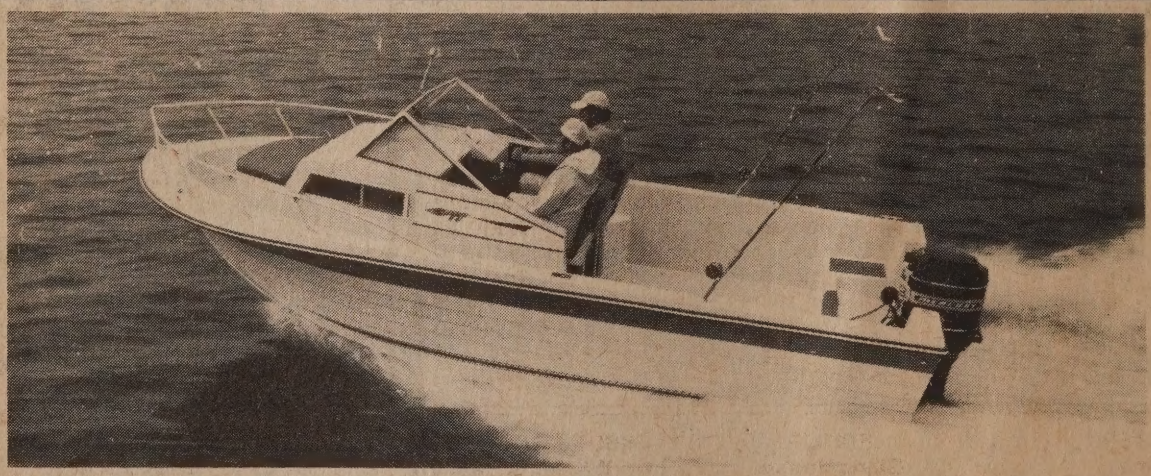
Registration will be on May 13th at 8:00 P.M. and the first lesson will begin on May 20th at the same time.

For further information, call 516-CA-1-0141 after 6:00 P.M.



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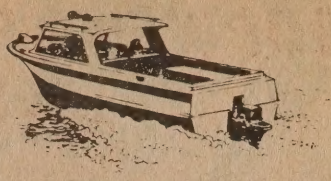

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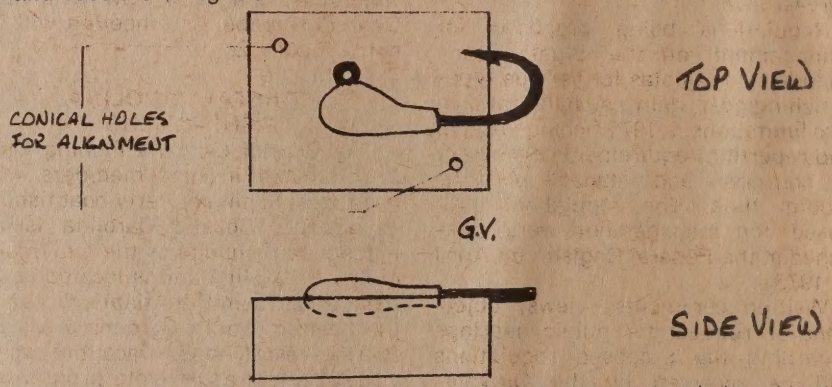
From the Editor's Head

I don't know a good fisherman who is not a tinkerer, one who firmly believes he can better anything that is commercially made. Tinkerers are probably right; there are massive dollops of tender, loving care that only a mother-hen can apply, and numerous techniques are available to customize fishing tackle for specific conditions. There must be many tinkerers in our reading audience; the tremendous positive response to *The Professor's* series of articles on lure-making is testimony to their eagerness to learn and apply new and old tricks.

One of the first things I learned as an apprentice bass fisherman was to make my own lures. Among these, the most commonly used—and very successful, incidentally—were bucktails, and everyone I knew at that time made his own from start to finish. Although the most effective was the Upperman Bucktail in various sizes, leadheads are all basically similar, and the procedure for making this type can be applied to all others.

The first step is to obtain a perfect lead head of the style you want to make—no nicks, dents, areas flattened by bumping bottom; in fact, buy a new one. Carefully cut off the bucktail (or whatever the tail material) and the wrapping thread. Clean the entire lead head with paint remover, then check to make certain all surfaces are perfect.

Now you'll need a few common household items for making the mold: plaster of Paris; a box large enough to contain the final mold; a very sharp, thin-bladed knife; a mixing bowl; spatula; a large drill or small countersink; and vaseline or light oil.



Set up the head in the box as shown in sketch 1. It is extremely important to get the point of the hook cast into the mold; this will act as a point of support for the hook later on when you begin pouring. Coat the entire *cast* (the clean head that is your model) with a thin, even layer of oil or vaseline and hang it up by the hook. Don't let the oil rub off; this is the mold-release which will allow you to separate the cast from the cavity without damaging the mold.

Mix the plaster with water to a cream-like consistency. Remove all lumps; that plaster must be creamy and smooth to make a good mold. Slowly pour the wet plaster into the container, up to the top, and carefully set your cast on top of the mixture. Tap the container gently; as the plaster self-levels, the leadhead will sink. When exactly half the cast is imbedded in the plaster, stop tapping. The settling procedure shouldn't take more than 5-10 second; don't overdo it.

Without any excessive or jerky motions, get your mold into a safe place and leave it there for a day. You can look at it and admire your ability, but contain yourself—don't touch it until it's hard. Every so often, with the typical impatience of youthful eagerness, I'd get into a hurry and try to remove the cast to see how well the cavity formed before the plaster was thoroughly hard. The edges of the mold would crumble. Damn! I'm much older now, and like to think I have more control over my voluntary muscles (Ha!). Anyhow, there is no reason to remove the cast until you pour the second half of the mold.

A day has passed, the mold is hard, and you're ready for the next steps.

In two opposite corners of the mold-half, form two 1/8-inch deep conical holes. Use the drill or countersink for this; turn it with your fingers. Do it

(*Continued on page 43.*)

News Releases

BLUEFIN TUNA REGULATIONS PROPOSED FOR 1975

The Department of Commerce has proposed listing the Atlantic bluefin tuna as a "threatened" species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Such declaration will provide the necessary authority to manage the species, as described in Section 4 of the Act.

The status of the Atlantic bluefin tuna is being studied by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Present scientific information is inadequate to make a positive determination on the status of stocks; however, data indicate there are substantially fewer spawning Atlantic bluefin tuna now than in previous years.

A management program to regulate the harvest is necessary until ongoing scientific studies supply information needed to determine a sustainable harvest level.

Regulations being proposed for management of the bluefin tuna include catch quotas for various types of fishing gear, daily catch limitations, size limitations, a 1975 fishing season, and reporting requirements necessary to conserve and manage Atlantic bluefin tuna. The regulations proposed for management were published in the Federal Register on April 2, 1975.

Written comments, views, objections or request for public hearings regarding the proposed regulations will be accepted by the Director, NMFS, NOAA, Washington, D.C. 20235, until May 28, 1975.

MEETING ON SEWER SLUDGE

Co-Sponsors—The Atlantic Coalition and the Environmental Technology Seminar.

Place—Room 238, Hofstra Law School.

Time—8 P.M., Thursday, May 15.

Speaker—Dr. Allan Mytelka, Assistant Engineer, Interstate Sanitation Commission.

Topic—Alternatives to Ocean Dumping of Sewage Sludge.

Dr. Mytelka, Phd. in Environmental Sciences from Rutgers University, will discuss alternatives that his commission considers feasible in the near future. By October of 1976 a final report with commission recommendations should be published and made available for implementation by state and federal agencies. A question-answer period will follow after the main presentation.

CLUB NEWS

L.I. BASSMASTERS HAVE YOUTH DAY

The Long Island Bassmasters are sponsoring a Youth Day and Bass Seminar on Sunday, May 25, 1975. It will be held at the Islip Town Beach at Lake Ronkonkoma from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Dads—bring the kids! Lots for them to do. And you too! Anyone else—EVERYONE—interested in learning about freshwater bass fishing is invited.

For information call 586-6163 after 4:00 P.M.

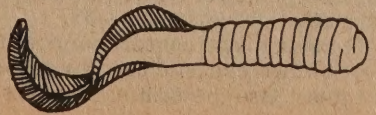
GSB WATERFOWLERS ASSOC.

The Great South Bay Waterfowlers Association, P.O. Box 36, Brightwaters, N.Y. 11718, is having a membership drive. Dues are $3.00 per year. Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Old Heidelberg, Sunrise Highway, Brightwaters, N.Y. at 8:30 P.M. The next General Membership meeting will be held on June 2, 1975.

COASTAL CAROLINA FISHING CLUB

The Coastal Carolina Fishing Club is interested in new members who have sport fishing or party boat fishing experience. Coastal Carolina is an independent college of the University of South Carolina and is located some eight miles from the Atlantic Ocean in the heart of South Carolina's Myrtle Beach resort and vacation area. Coastal offers a complete program in liberal arts and science, with strong programs in marine science, business administration, English, education, literature, history and physical education. The Fishing Club at Coastal competes internationally (Nova Scotia this August) and runs the only intercollegiate salt water fishing match in the United States, the annual Coastal Carolina Invitational held in the Spring.

For information on Coastal Carolina College and its fishing club, write the Director of Admissions & Registration, USC-Coastal Carolinw, Conway, South Carolina, 29526. They want to hear from bright young high school graduates in the New York area who would like to combine all-year-around fishing with a solid college education.



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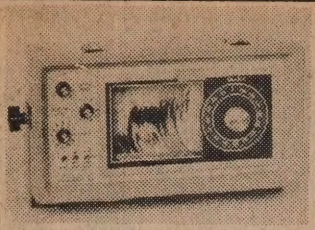

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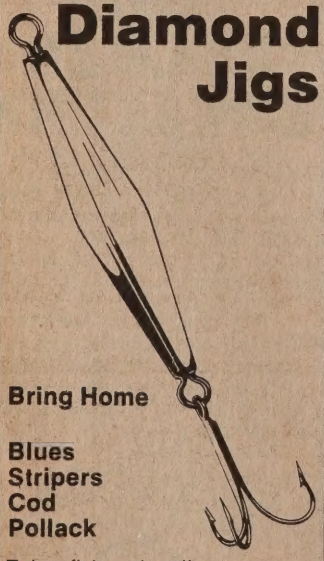

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READER REQUESTS OPINIONS

Jacques-Yves Cousteau recently formed The Cousteau Society which is to be an independent (non-government affiliated), Nader-type group to watchdog not merely the oceans of the world, but it's complete water system. It has the potential to lobby before Congress, but in it's present infancy of approximately 40,000 members it is interested in determining what points most need attention in relation to the oceans: their content, condition and potential; not forgetting the same for the earth's water system.

This is not a sales pitch. I'm merely an enthusiastic member interested in the viewpoints of the more experienced and probably more involved than I, being "only" a surfer, lifeguard, skin diver and interested party. I recently received a membership questionnaire asking what "...the two most pressing problems in your area..." are. In my opinion these are: 1. The extension of the U.S. territorial waters to a 200 mile limit and 2. if possible the illegalization, but at the very least meticulous observations of and inquires into potential oil leasing and drilling operations off the eastern seaboard, even though these are not solely local problems.

Any and all opinions, advice and enlightenment would be gratefully accepted.

If I could impose another request... those offering opinions, advice, etc., also please offer their qualifications. *Leonard Jacobsen, Box 620, Westhampton Beach, N.Y. 11978.*

RIVERHEAD MEETING

According to reporting in the East Hampton Star (attached copy), only three sportsfishermen attended the Riverhead meeting of the County Legislators to speak for the Striped Bass bill, while 250 opponents of the bill appeared, leading to Suffolk County legislators voting—on the spot—for a resolution opposing the bill.

Let this advise every surf fisherman on the beach, at the time a haul seiner net encircles his fishing area, that he has no one to blame but himself for the not supporting, through personal appearance, the activities he prizes so highly. The complaining starts and stops with yourself in this case. Nothing moves legislators more than masses of people fighting for a cause, appearing visually before them. *Disappointed, Art Hansen, Hartsdale, N.Y.*

Two of the three sportsfishermen referred to were Rich Reina, publisher of The LIF, and Peter Barrett of The New Jersey Fisherman, who made a presentation before the legislators on behalf of L.I. anglers. G.V.

THANKS TO L.I.F.

Words cannot express my many thanks and gratitude for your item in "Chum Lines" about me.

Over the years I expressed my feelings about your very informative paper to my friends who are now subscribers. The latest is Sid Omatian who lives in Peekskill, N.Y.

Again thanking you for your kindness. I'm Gratefully Yours, *Irving Feinman.*

Glad we could be of assistance to you. Thanks for your kind letter. G.V.

YOU CAN'T "OWN" FISHING HOTSPOTS

Bravo for your response to a recent letter concerning fresh water and "Sunday" fishermen at the LILCO Plant. I hope it comes to the attention of all would-be fishing spot "owners".

It has always been depressing and annoying to encounter the attitude that the "Ole Fishing Hole" is somehow territorial, the right to which must be hard-earned. As we know, it is knowledge that is hard earned, and knowledge separates one fisherman from another. We must not confuse knowledge and territory. One is yours to share as you please, the other is not.

Some of the best fishing areas in the world for this species are incredibly crowded (Montauk, Cuttyhunk), yet it is the method and the manners that make them work.

I don't mean to attack any one individual. It is a collective attitude and the letter gave me an excuse to write one myself. *Thorndike Williams, Cold Spring Harbor.*

R/V ONRUST CHRISTENED

The R/V *Onrust*, a 55-foot marine research vessel was christened on April 19, with ceremonies being held at the Stony Brook Yacht Club. The boat will be an addition to the other scientific research equipment of the Marine Science Research Center at Stony Brook.

The *Onrust* was not christened with champagne, but more appropriately with an ampule of Copenhagen sea

water which is an oceanographical standard of measure. The honors were done by Mrs. Debora Toll, wife of the President of Stony Brook State University. An introductory message was given by Dr. J.R. Schubel, and the boat was blessed by Minister Hugh Nevin. The ampule broke loose in the swinging, and never made it to the *Onrust*. But another ampule was given to Mrs. Toll, and she pitched it at the ship like an old pro.

The R/V *Onrust* was built by Rhode Island Marine Services, Inc. It has a beam of 16 feet 7 inches, draft of 5 feet 6 inches, and is powered by a 400 horsepower GM diesel engine. Topping out at 12.5 knots, the 50 ton boat cost $97,000 without scientific equipment. The *Onrust* will shortly begin research of the local waters around New York. Such marine research is desperately needed in these highly-populated areas, and the R/V *Onrust* will aid in the fight.

WHY NO 12-MILE LIMIT ENFORCEMENT?

Recently I read an article in your March edition of L.I.F. which dealt with the 12-mile fishing limit. Specifically, it mentioned the Viking Star' spotting foreign vessels within the 12-mile fishing limit. You said the Coast Guard was called but with no action taken by them. To use the now well-know cliche, "What's the story?" *Robert F. Ryan, Baldwin, N.Y.*

The story is—political and social: The Coast Guard has apparently been neglegent in fulfilling its commitments to the law, and within its own organization there seem to have been problems with underlings not wanting to disturb their superiors. In relation to queries that have been made on this matter, the answer has been "no comment."

Several groups, notable American League of Anglers and the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources, have been instrumental in bringing this problem to light, and have caused pressure to be applied to the C.G. Let's see what happens! G.V.

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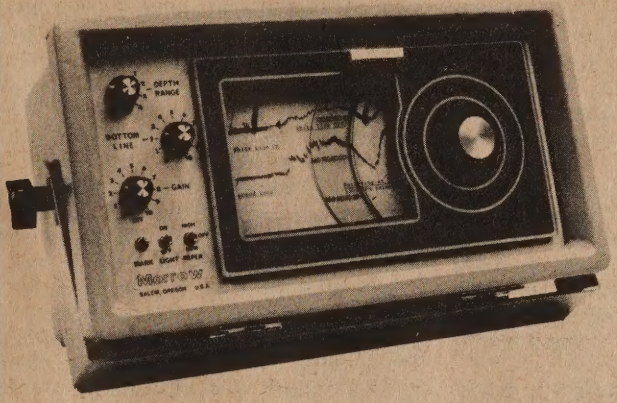

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USING LIVE EELS AND BUNKER

I have been surf fishing at Jones Beach Parking Field 9 for almost a year, using lures or dead bunker and eels, but I never used live eels before. Can you tell me how to use live eels and bunker? *Otto Clemins, East Meadow.*

Eels may be fished live by inserting a single hook—size 2/0 to 5/0—into the mouth and through the hard upper jaw behind the lip. Don't push the hook through too far back or you'll kill the eel. Since eels' motions cause severe line-twisting, use a 30-inch mono leader, attached to your line with a good swivel small enough to pass through the smallest guide on your rod. I now use a Bead-Chain swivel that looks like five BB's connected together, and it works at least as well or better as any others I've experimented with.

Live bunker are fished by inserting one hook of a 3/0 - 6/0 treble—depending upon the size of your bait—through the upper jaw of the fish. As with eels, do not insert the hook too far back, since you could kill the bunker. Bunker do not last as long on the hook as eels, so if you want to fish lively live bunker, you'll have to check them frequently—when you can no longer feel their stong pulses of swimming resistance being telegraphed up your line.

Be as gentle as possible with your cast: Bunker stun easily. When they hit the water with a hard "splat!" they will not be lively until they recover—if they do. You might consider one of the balloon or kite rigs to get your bunker out, since they will not then be subjected to the mechanical damages caused by casting.

Incidentally, though dead eels and bunker are fished both with and without weight, do not use any weight when fishing them alive. G.V.

Surf Side

with Doc Muller

IT CAN HAPPEN ANY OL' WAY

I looked and I saw my friend charging off the jetty to my right in the moonshine. This was a signal that something was happening, but I couldn't deduce whether someone had had an accident or a fish.

I was fishing to the eddies behind some large boulders, stalking what I hoped would be a few fish, while my two companions had spread out to my right. Actually, the three of us had been over every inch of usually productive territory during at least four hours of fishing without so much as a hit! It was a bleak outlook for the rest of the tide too, and I was about to call it a night.

But seeing that silhouetted figure bounding about like a mountain goat toward the sand put all thoughts of despair out of my head for the moment. I got myself out of the water and met him at the halfway point between the jetty and my rocks. He was out of breath. "Bring your gaff!"

Now you have to know these two guys to appreciate the need for that statement. Both of them were unprepared—as usual. One is unprepared because he usually jumps out of a business suit and into his waders, and he rarely has the time to keep up with his equipment. The other one is frequently unprepared because he can't afford the price of a gaff this week, waders next week, and usually loses the former as fast as he purchases them and tears the latter regularly.

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So I had the only gaff on the beach. My steps turned into a trot once I heard the news that fish were around, but I was frustrated by the soft sand which gave way under the boots and impeded my traction.

Now I'm not known as a jetty jockey because a chronic vertigo problem is a logical deterrent, but the sight of fish breaking or the knowledge that they can be caught at a place has tempted me out on a few rock piles and up the mountainous swells of the ocean when I had no business doing either.

So here I was, cavorting over that jetty like a ten year old with my gaff poised at the ready. Naturally, I missed a rock and my leg neatly plugged up a hole between two others while several waves quickly reminded me that the ocean is wet. Suddenly the stupidity of the situation impressed me. I checked around and discoved that there were no broken bones, no blood, and in fact I had not even torn my waders!

I offered the gaff above my head, but my friend was already at the end of the jetty and hadn't noticed that I was hip deep in the rocks and water. I picked myself out, picked up the rod that had tumbled onto the rocks when I fell, and I slowly proceeded toward the scene of battle.

I arrived just in time. Not a spectacular fish, but good enough to push twenty pounds. With one angler unhooking and stringing a fish, there was room for the remaining two to work both sides of the tip of the jetty. But the fish had either departed or chose not to notice that we were fishing for them. With the return of the triumphant warrior, we huddled close to one another trying desperately not to hook a companion on the cast. Since one of us has a reputation as an erratic caster—and it isn't me—we tried to spread out, but it was impossible.

Suddenly the guy on the left gets a hit—no fish! Then the middleman is jolted out of his socks—no fish! Then as quickly as it took me to turn my head instinctively in response to their exclamations, I was fast to a fish. Amid the "slings and arrows of ...," what my companions believed to be my "...outrageous fortune," I smiled and landed another fish in the teens.

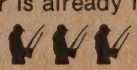
But then the sea returned to its previous state of dormant indifference and the three anglers said goodnight and went, each by his own path, home.

The fascination of the sea lies in its power, mindless anger, indifference to human desires, unpredictable behavior, and fickle moods. So, too, the creatures that live within the giant, ever-moving "organism" seem to adopt the same characteristics, and I think eventually so do a lot of surfcasters. At least that's what their wives tell me!

Out of nowhere they can come, haunting, prowling, hunting, and killing. Out of time, out of sequence, out of step; but they come just when we are ready to crucify ourselves for incorrect analysis of fishing conditions, just when we're ready to report to bed without the smell of bass on our hands. It's almost like torture or a sadomasochistic relationship, this romance we have with the surf and the fish that feed there. Why?

No golfer would spend years at the sport if a good share of his outings he scored 150. And what skier would continue to trek to the slopes if he broke his leg every fifth fime out, or if the snow were commonly sticky?

Gentlemen, we are all neurotic! We're hung up on a challenge that can never be satisfied because satisfaction would initiate its demise. Unlike the generals of armies, we must find solice in winning a few battles, certain that the war is already lost!



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BASS YOUTH DAY

It was probably Dr. James Hendshall's in his *Book of the Black Bass* that started the whole thing rolling toward its present position in the angling world. I am sure that you have heard of the remark that I am referring to. The one about the black bass being "...inch for inch and pound for pound the fightingest doggone fish that swims." As an avid bassin' man myself, I echo the doctor's sentiments and will add that inch for inch and pound for pound the black bass has become the most sought after of all our fresh water game fishes.

This popularity has led to the formation of a multitude of bass fishing clubs and affiliate B.A.S.S. (Bass Anglers Sportsman Society) chapters throughout this country and scattered even in some foreign countries. Clubs have also popped up in areas not having ready access to fishable bass water. One such group must travel a minimum of 200 miles one way to reach water containing the elusive bass. That, my friend, is dedication bordering on religion. And it is no surprise that groups of people have taken to the sport in this manner. The thrill of catching a bass is not one that can be forgotten easily, and bass fishing can literally hook the angler for life.

The individual, with all his dedication and devotion to the "Basses", will usually seek the comraderie of others with similar interests. It is then possible to share experiences, learn through the exchange of knowledge and work together toward the primary objective of ensuring a future for bass fishing.

This concern for the "future" has received the highest priority for the Long Island Bassmasters, an affiliate BASS chapter, and has prompted them to organize an event that will have a very significant impact on Long Island bass fishing.

On May 25, 1975 the LIB will present, in cooperation with Islip Township, its First Annual BASS YOUTH DAY at Islip's Ronkonkoma Town Beach. The presentation will incorporate within it a variety of attractions that are meant to illustrate the "total" sport of bassfishing, and to acquaint the L.I. youth with the Island's black bass potential.

The principle motivator behind this endeavor is education. LIB has developed all Youth Day activities with emphasis on educational instruction. It is felt by those involved with this most admirable project that the presentation of a comprehensive look at all aspects of modern day bass fishing will have long-range effects within the area of sportfishing and conservation. Sportsmanship has to be taught. It is not a characteristic passed on genetically from parent to child. What better way for youngsters to gain a sincere appreciation of bass fishing than to be able to receive total exposure to the sport?

Having been personally involved with John Schroeder, LIB Youth Committee Chairman, in the formulation of plans for this event, I can assure the readers that it will turn out to be one heck of a show. The cooperation that John and I have received from those that we have sought support has been just superb. Everyone has been more than willing to pitch in and help.

The following outline will detail the program events.

Date: May 25, 1975 (rain or shine)
Time: 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Place: Lake Ronkonkoma, Islip Town Beach (admission FREE)
Age Category: 6-18. Parents also welcome.
Program:

I. Introduction - an orientation, introductory lecture and film. By the way, this first film is excellent.

II. Booths (indoor and outdoor)

A. How To Find Fish: a discussion of the elements of structure fishing, spot casting, shoreline fishing, etc. This segment will also be accompanied by a film presentation.

B. Environment and Biology: Topics such as: water polution, lake formation, water sources, biology of bass, biological factors affecting bass fishing. (All of these will be geared to the various age groups.)

C. Bass Exhibit: Tanks with bass, both large and smallmouth, will be provided, courtesy of the Department of Environmental Conservation. There will also be an exhibit of some of the larger bass taken on L.I. plus a species-identification segment.

D. Equipment: This exhibit will illustrate the wide assortment of bass tackle (rods, reels) presently on the market. Its purpose is to familiarize the young angler with the tools that are available.

E. Lures: The How? When? Where? of bass lures. There will be a all-inclusive display of past and present lures. The emphasis here will be placed on presenting the wide array of lures and illustrating their correct use. An added feature will be a number of LIB members actually making plugs, plastic worms, bass bugs and streamers. The youngsters will also learn the various rigging techniques and be able to try their hand at knot-tying.

F. Boating: Though there will be a modern, fully equipped bass boat on display, the emphasis here will be on the type of bass boat that has become popular for fishing Long Island's fresh water bodies. The exhibit will also include accompanying electronic equipment.

G. Casting: Instruction will be given high-lighting correct casting form and

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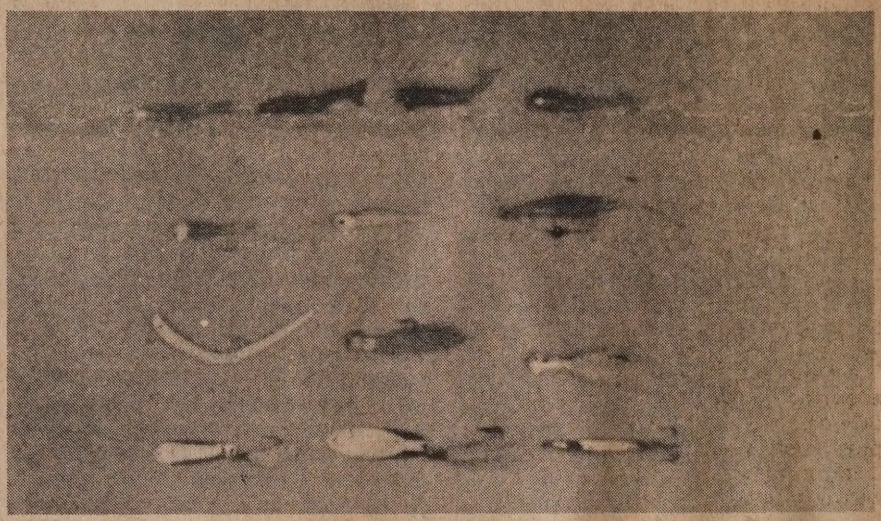
Part II: ARTIFICIALS FOR WEAKFISH

The most popular method of taking weakfish since their welcomed return has been the use of artificials, particularly the Salty Dog, which is simply a lead-head jig with a plastic tail that imitates a shrimp.

The phenomenal comeback of the weakfish to our waters and the subsequent overnight-popularity of the Salty Dog can be seen by looking at the sales volume of All-Tackle Distributors, which introduced the Bagley Salty Dog to this area. In 1971, when the first weakfish began to be taken after a 30-year drought, 35 dozen were distributed to tackle shops. But in 1972, over 4,000 dozen were distributed and sold, and weekly air mail shipments from the manufacturer couldn't keep up with the demand. As other manufacturers put versions of the Salty Dog on the market the name stuck, and "salty dog" came to mean virtually any brand of artificial pink shrimp.

As shown in the top rows of the photograph, there is now as wide range of artificial shrimp on the market—in all sizes, shapes and colors—and all will take their share of weakfish. They come in standard pink, white, amber, gray, yellow and green. Don't despair, you don't need them all; the average fisherman need only stock the pink for daytime fishing and amber for action at dawn and dusk. Try the others if you like to experiment, and let me know how you make out. A piece of porkrind or strip of squid added to the shrimp often improves its effectiveness.

Working the artificial shrimp in the shallow waters of the south shore bays is advantageous because it will also take fluke, small stripers, bluefish and some of the meanest-looking sea robins you'll ever lay your eyes on. There is, however, one major drawback to artificial shrimp: The plastic tails quickly become mangled by the fangs of weakfish and sharp teeth of the bluefish. You must carry plenty of replacement tails.



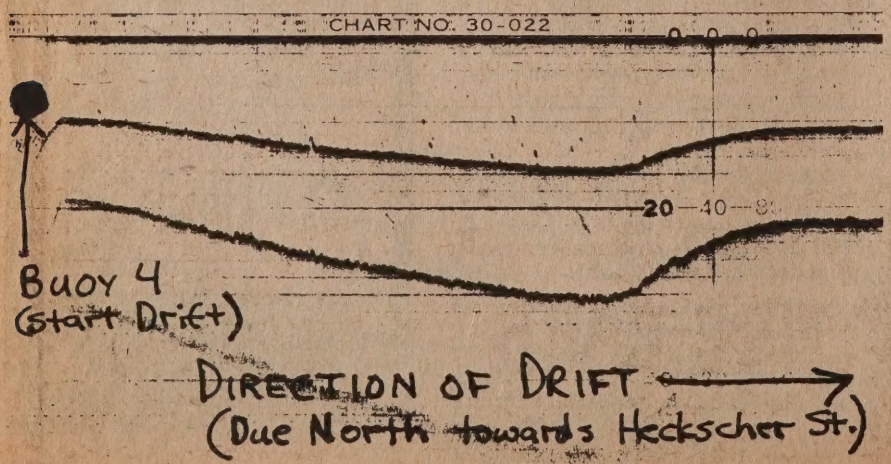
The most common error made by fishermen with the artificial shrimp is to retrieve it much too fast, bringing the shrimp close to the surface where it whizzes over the heads of the weakfish. The lure should be cast out and allowed to settle to the bottom before retrieving. Make two or three slow turns of the reel handle, followed by a sharp, six-inch twitch of the rod tip, and keep repeating. This action will make the artificial shrimp move along the bottom in short hops, much like a real shrimp would move as it seeks a hiding place from predators.

If this method fails to produce a strike then by all means experiment with faster retrieves, but always start a pattern with the slow twitch; it's definitely the most productive.

The direction of the retrieve in relation to the current is another important factor to successful weakfishing with artificials. As with most predators, the weakfish will remain stationary, facing up-current, waiting for the moving water to carry baitfish within the range of their jaws. The artificial must be worked in the same direction so that it appears natural to the weakfish. Unless there is a strong conflicting wind, a boat will drift in the same direction the current is moving. So simply cast up-current, which is the direction the boat has just drifted over, and begin the retrieve. Avoid casting down current; it rarely produces.

Where to find weakfish? Good question, and hard to answer. At various times they will be found in almost every part of the bay. The determining factor is where the weaks are able to locate an ample supply of baitfish upon which they can gorge themselves.

One of their favorite haunts is a slope where the water gradually deepens from shallow flats to a channel or drain. The slope that runs east and west, just north of buoy 4 off Heckscher State Park, has produced some of the hottest weakfishing in



Great South Bay. You can easily see why by reading the straight-line recording shown, which is a readout of one drift in the buoy 4 area and shows fish just off the bottom, up and down the slope.

Incoming water always seems to be the tide that produces the best weakfishing. Move your boat right up to the flats, 2 to 4 feet of water, where the bottom starts to slope to deeper water. Fish the slope on the edge of the flat where the incoming water carrying baitfish is moving over the flats towards the slope. The weakfish will lie along the slope, facing the flats, waiting for the current to bring them all kinds of goodies. Cast the artificial shrimp up to the shallow water at the top of the slope and retrieve as described, working down the slope towards deeper water. If you find a particularly good area, but the direction of the drift is giving you trouble, anchor and cast.

A different technique must be used when confronted with strong currents—such as those between buoys 12 and 13 off Ocean Beach—that will either bring the lure to the surface or roll it along the bottom. To avoid this, cast a short distance down-current and allow the lure to settle to the bottom. Then make short twitches with the rod tip, but do not retrieve; the moving water will keep slack out of the line and the lure will move along the bottom as the boat drifts.

While artificial pink shrimp are an indisputedly deadly lure, they are by no means the only artificial for weakfish. As shown in the bottom rows in the photograph, there is a wide variety that may be used with success, including: Hopkins, Tri-Fin Whiptails, diamond jigs, Kastmasters, small swimming plugs and bucktails. Just about any artificial that imitates small baitfish such as sand eels, spearing or mullet will produce a few fish if worked properly.

Same tips and tricks: Don't bang on the hull of the boat—weakfish spook easy. When you find a school, try to keep a weak in the water until someone else hooks up—the other fish will stay by the boat near the hooked weak. Keep a large landing net handy and net the fish head first. If you want to release a fish, reach down and unhook it while still in the water. Fish the deep holes for big weakfish in the summer months. Keep a light drag to prevent the line from parting from the powerful strike and initial run of a weak. If a running fish threatens to strip the reel, open the bail and make him think he has thrown the hook. Live-line snappers for large tide-runners in inlets in the fall.

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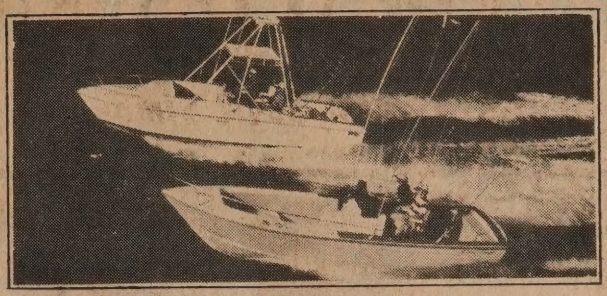

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Sandworm Special

by Ron Onorato

The tide was nearly full, and we had yet to find any striper life. We had drifted over the productive flats of Oyster Bay for several hours without a touch. Since it was almost slack water, we decided to try the deeper water around the Bayville Bridge before calling it a night.

There was enough current at the bridge to permit us several drifts. I eased the small Whaler up to the edge of the bridge and lowered my worm-baited rig to the bottom. George Oliver, my fishing partner for the night, tried the deep water with a small bucktail jig. Although it was late April, the weather was cold with virtually no wind.

We made a long pass the length of the channel, but the first drift produced no hits. "We'll give it one more shot, and then leave" I commented, and repeated the drift. This time I had a decent hit on my worm rig. I reeled in an empty hook and slid two juicy squigglers on the hook. George gave up on the bucktail and switched to worms.

No sooner had he put his rig down he had a hit and nailed a six-pound fish. In the five drifts we made before the tide cut out, we managed four bass to 9 pounds.

Although it is perhaps the most effective way of catching early season stripers, few fishermen take advantage of driting or trolling sandworms. The reason for this, I suspect, is the $2.00 a dozen price tag that accompanies the worms. And unless the fisherman has the time and energy to dig his own, he has to pay this price.

The worm in question is the sandworm. This is the preferred worm for trolling and drifting on both the north and south shores. Bloodworms will work, especially the long, thick ones, but finding worms of that nature is almost impossible.

Whether sandworms are dug or store-purchased, care must be taken to insure their condition. The worms should be firm and have a deep reddish coloring. Any worm that is soggy and has too much green tint to it is usually unsatisfactory to use. Bass are very preferential in their feeding habits, and the quality of the worms used may make the difference between success and failure. I have kept worms healthy for as long as a full week. I usually dig my own, so I can be selective about the ones I keep. When I'm down at the waterfront, I get a good supply of the brown seaweed that clings to the rocks, the ones that are exposed at low tide, then saturate them with seawater and put them in a separate pail.

At home I spread out all the worms on a sheet of newspaper, and let them move around a bit. The paper will absorb all the slime. I then put several layers of newspaper on the bottom of a cardboard box and place the worms on top of the paper, putting the moist seaweed on top of the worms. I put about six dozen worms in each carton. The cartons are placed in a special bait refrigerator and the temperature is set to about 50°.

the worms are taken as needed. It is important to check the carton daily and remove any dead ones, as these will kill the entire batch. By paying a little attention to them, sandworms will last a full week in good shape, sometimes a little longer.

Caring for the bait is the hardest part of this type of fishing. The actual fishing techniques are basically easy, but there are some fine points that you should know. Drifting worms, for example, is more popular than trolling—though both work equally well. The type of boat you use and the area you fish will determine what to do.

You can drift-fish with or without the assistance of weight on the line. If you drift over shallow, sandy flats, it is best to tie the hook directly to the terminal end of the line and avoid the use of sinker and swivel.

I use a very light-action conventional rod and matching reel with 10 pound test line. A 4/0 Eagle Claw hook is a good size hook to use. After I attach the hook to the line via the Improved Clinch knot, I select two large worms. The first one is worked up over the hook-shank and onto the mono, while the other is left trailing from the hook. If a bass makes a pass at the trailing worm, it will usually come back for the other one.

Using no weight will work only if there is a light wind and little current. If there is too much wind, add a ¼-ounce clinch sinker. Pay out the line as you would in bluefishing until you have a hit or until you have a couple of hundred feet of line out. Usually the bass will make one short run; then you should engage the reel. But sometimes a bass will hit and peck; give him plenty of time to chew.

When you're fishing deep water with a fast current, you have to go to a 1- or 2-ounce sinker. I use the same 4/0 with a three-foot leader tied three feet off the bottom with a three-way swivel, much in a manner of the standard weakfish rig. I use a little heavier outfit when fishing this way,

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but the worms are rigged in the same manner.

When you use a sinker it is best to give the worm a little extra movement by occasionally lifting the sinker off the bottom. For some reason, I have noted that bass will hit the sinker rig in a more vigorous manner then the free-spooled worm.

Trolling sandworms is a bit more complicated than drifting. I have had little success drifting worms over rocky areas in the spring. Trolling worms over the same area, though, has produced well.

Of paramount importance in trolling worms is the speed of the boat: The slower the boat, the better. And slow means very, very slow. A couple of knots forward is maximum. Forget about idling a big motor down; go to a small kicker or, if possible, an electric motor. Better yet, try rowing.

In the spring you'll be trolling in shallow areas, say 6 or 8 feet. With about 150 feet of line out, and no weight, the worms will be several inches below the surface. If you add spinners, it will take them down a bit more. In order to get the right speed, watch the worm-baited hook alongside the boat. If it spins or moves unnaturally, slow down. Your boat should barely move forward.

Again, a 4/0 Eagle Claw is the best hook. I use a tiny swivel about six feet ahead of the hook, and 15 or 20 pound leader material is used in between. I like 15 pound mono. While some swear by the addition of Cape Cod and other types of spinners and beads, a plain hook seems to work best for me. Under cloudy or murky water conditions, a small spinner may work well. Proper presentation is the whole key.

The rods are usually left in a rod holder with a light drag setting. As soon as a bass hits, I wait a second and then tighten up on the drag. When trolling, I look for the biggest worms and place them on the hook using one at a time. Trolling two worms at a time seems unnatural and has not worked well for me.

Depending on the weather conditions, you can start your worming in mid-April and continue into May. Around the end of the month of May there is usually an influx of bait in the area, and the bass get off their seaworm kick. For the most part, the first bass you get will be the winter-overs, with the first of the gear's migrants appearing towards the end.

On the north shore, the flats of Little Neck Bay, the Plandome area of Manhasset Bay, and the entire shoreline and deep cuts of Oyster Bay—especially West Harbor—are ideally for drifting. Manhasset and Little Neck Bays are pretty shallow, so figure fishing around the top of the tide. The deep cuts of Oyster Bay around the Bayville Bridge and where it joins Cold Spring Harbor are excellent at either end of the tide. Dawn, dusk, and nighttime are best.

As I mentioned earlier, trolling can be productive over rocky areas well away from the harbors and bays. Matinecock and Motts Points at the mouth of Hempstead Harbor will produce fish by late April. Centre Island Reef and Whitewood Point in Cold spring Harbor are also good bets. Again, look for your action around the top of the tide.

Along the south shore, the sod banks of Reynolds Channel, from the bridge down into Long Beach and many of the creeks leading into it, are productive areas to drift early in the season. The fish you take here will still be strictly winterovers.

Don't look for many big fish. An early season fish bigger than 10 pounds is usual. Be prepared for cold weather fishing when you go out. Warm, sunny days are usually more productive than the cold, windy ones. Whichever way you decide to go, using the sandworm special with a little perserverance will lay those bass in the bottom of the boat.

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Feed 'Em Pork

by Richard D. Costa

Pork rind baits are used successfully by fishermen in fresh and salt water to catch a variety of fish. The bait is presented, either on a bare hook or in combination with a lure, by jigging, trolling, drifting or retrieving. The strip of pork has a provocative fluttering action as it moves through the water, and often causes fish to strike when all other lures fail. Serious fishermen therefore consider these baits good insurance, and always have a bottle or two in their tackle boxes.

These baits may be readily purchased in tackle shops in a variety of sizes and colors, with or without hooks. Because the commercial product is slickly prepared at a modest price, the preparation of pork rind baits is seldom the subject of do-it-yourself articles. In spite of this, fishermen who derive pleasure from catching fish on homemade tackle and lures have been preparing and using these baits for years. So, if you are also a do-it-yourself enthusiast and haven't as yet prepared pork rind baits, the instructions that follow will assist you in getting started.

You should first gather together the required materials. With the exception of the pork skin, you probably have everything you need in the kitchen: a cutting board, a sharp knife, a box of table salt, food coloring (green, yellow and red), a bottle of white vinegar, one large and several small jars, and an ice pick.

Of course, the pork skin must be purchased from a butcher shop, although one that specializes in pork products may have a better selection. For your first attempt, ask the butcher for thin strips of skin. Later, you can buy thick chunks and use them for frog or other heavy-bodied patterns. Start with a half-pound, which will cost approximately $.30. This will be enough to prepare from 50 to 60 baits, a quantity that will probably last you a long time.

Now that everything required is assembled, you are ready to go to work. Notice that one side of the skin is firm and smooth, and the other, soft and fatty. The fatty tissue will have to be completely removed from the skin. With the fatty side of the skin facing up, place it on the cutting board. Hold the skin firmly with one hand and, with the knife in the other, scrape the fat from the skin as shown in the illustration. Keep scraping until all the fat is removed. This step is extremely important, for if not properly done, the appearance of the final product will be affected.

You are now ready to cut out your favorite patterns. Lay them out so as to get the maximum number of baits from the skin. Use the point of your knife (it should be sharp) to score the pattern into the skin. When it appears uniform and symmetrical, carefully cut it out. This will seem difficult at first but, after you have done a few, it will come easy. Five popular patterns are shown in the illustration.

It's a good idea to make the holes for the hooks at this time. Since the skin is so tough, it would be an inconvenience to do this when you are ready to use the baits. An ice pick or any pointed tool will do. Simply press the point of the tool through the skin about one quarter of an inch from the head of the bait. Be careful not to make the hole too large, otherwise the bait will come off the hook when cast.

Pork rind baits are generally used in a variety of colors, white being the most popular for saltwater fishing. For freshwater fishing, you often see green baits cut in a pattern resembling a frog. The white color is attained by bleaching the natural pigment from the skin; acetic acid is used for this

purpose. As you may have surmised, acetic acid occurs in diluted form in the vinegar. Other colors are attained by dyeing the skin with food coloring.

To continue: Place the baits in a large jar and pour the vinegar over them until covered. The jar should be large enough so the vinegar can circulate freely around each bait. Let the jar stand for several hours before going on to the next step. Bleach all the baits you have prepared, even if you intend to dye a quantity in food coloring. Don't expect the baits to bleach as white as the commercial product; this procedure just isn't sophisticated enough for that. Also, the baits will be curled and rubbery when removed from the vinegar. Don't despair. They will become supple and easy to handle when placed in the brine solution (next step).

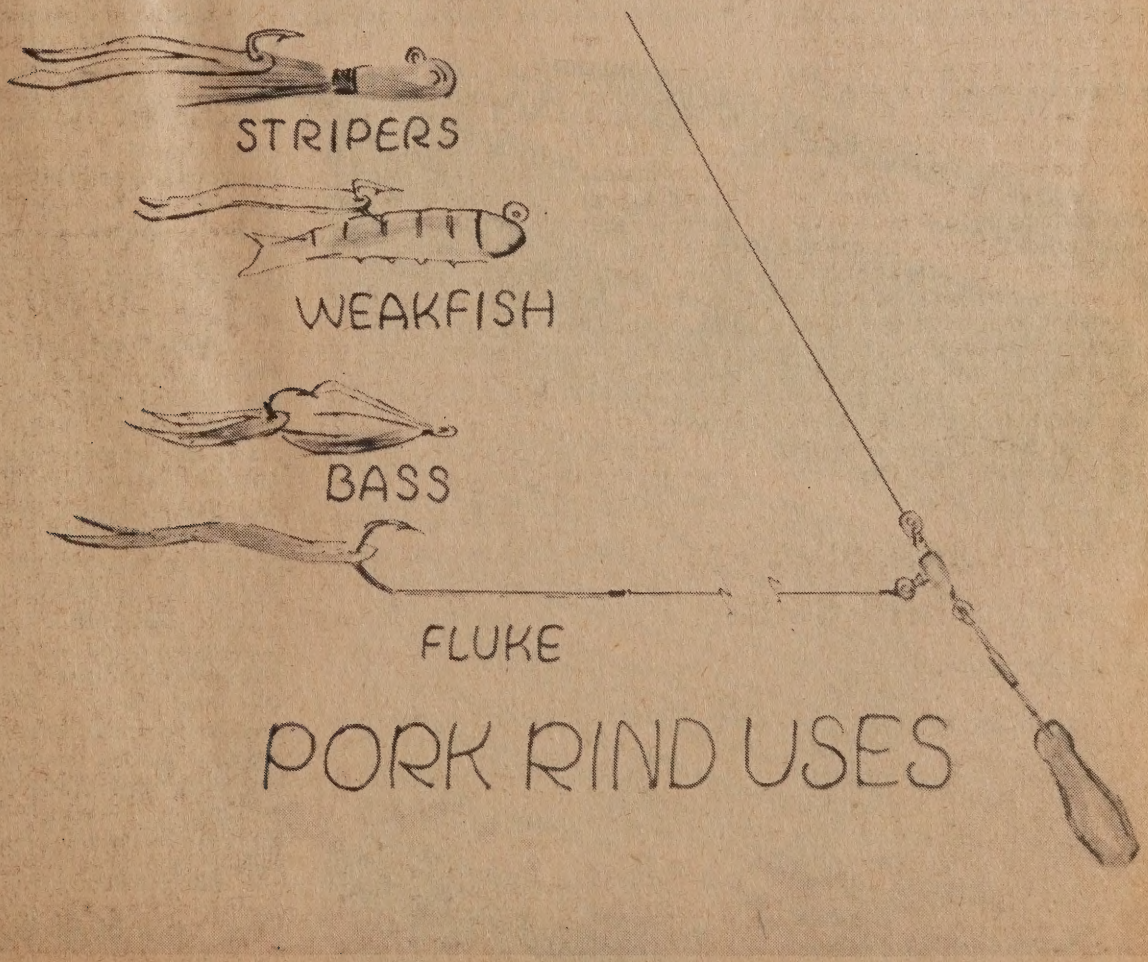
It is now necessary to preserve the baits until ready for use. Select a jar and fill it about half-full with water; then add common table salt to form a brine. What is the right amount of salt? I use an old rule of thumb that really works: Place a potato in the water and gradually add salt. When the potato floats, the solution is about right. You can now add the baits and seal the jar. Avoid using metal lids because the brine solution is very corrosive. Oh, don't forget to remove the potato before sealing the jar.

If you desire colored baits, simply follow the steps previously described, and add food coloring to the salt solution until the bait is dyed in the desired shade. Remember, a few drops of food coloring goes a long way. Use it sparingly. Of course, you will have to prepare separate solutions for each color you want to use. Store the baits in the colored solution until ready for use.

As I stated earlier, a pork rind bait can be used in many ways. It is great for all kinds of panfish. Use it with a small weighted spinner for crappie, white perch or yellow perch. Use a very small piece on a fly or tiny spinner for bluegill and other sunfish. Use the small frog pattern for yellow perch in weed beds. Bottom bumping works fine with pork baits for largemouth bass. Use a strip about 6 inches long, with a 5/0 weedless hook through the head of the bait, and a No. 3 slender spinner attached. It should be fished slowly along the bottom with a jerk at frequent intervals.

These baits are also terrific for saltwater fish particularly striped bass. Use a strip about 5- or 6-inches long on a bucktail jig. Try retrieving at different speeds, jerking at frequent intervals. This combination is also successful when jigging or trolling. Pork bait is excellent for weakfish when used with lead-head plastic shrimp lures. Use a 5-inch strip for fluke, either alone or with spearing. Some examples of rigging techniques are shown in the illustration.

Of course, I have touched on only a few pork bait uses; there are an infinite number of possible combinations. the point is that these baits will consistently produce for you. So, when the fish won't take anything else, you should feed 'em pork!



Fish-Finders for the Beach

by Ed Haring

It will probably be some time before the shore-bound fisherman can expect the sophisticated electronic fish finders enjoyed by those aboard boats. It would also present a monumental problem to the already over-burdened surfer, so let's take stock of our built-in equipment. Armed with a sturdy pair of legs, good eyesight, keen hearing, a mixture of instinct and ESP and lots of patience, we have a large measure of the equipment we need.

There are some who profess to have the ability to locate fish by smell, but my proboscis lacks that talent. The only time I pick up the odor is while I clean them or as they sizzle in the broiler.

Seldom does the action take place close to a parking lot, so walk we must. To break the monotony, make a few casts in between—more than once what seemed to be a barren area yielded a reward. In any case, be sure to have a lure at the end of your line at all times.

There was a time I plodded toward Democrat Point mesmerized by the beauty of the sunset. Suddenly, blues broke within five yards of the beach near the Golf House. Frantically I fumbled through my bag for a popper. By the time it was tied on the fish were frolicking near the pound nets.

Unquestionably, some areas produce better than others. You know it, I know it. But do the fish know it? Gamble on a few extra casts. Watch the water closely as you go. A leaping bait fish, a swirl or a "wave" that doesn't seem to follow the pattern of the rest deserves more than casual attention.

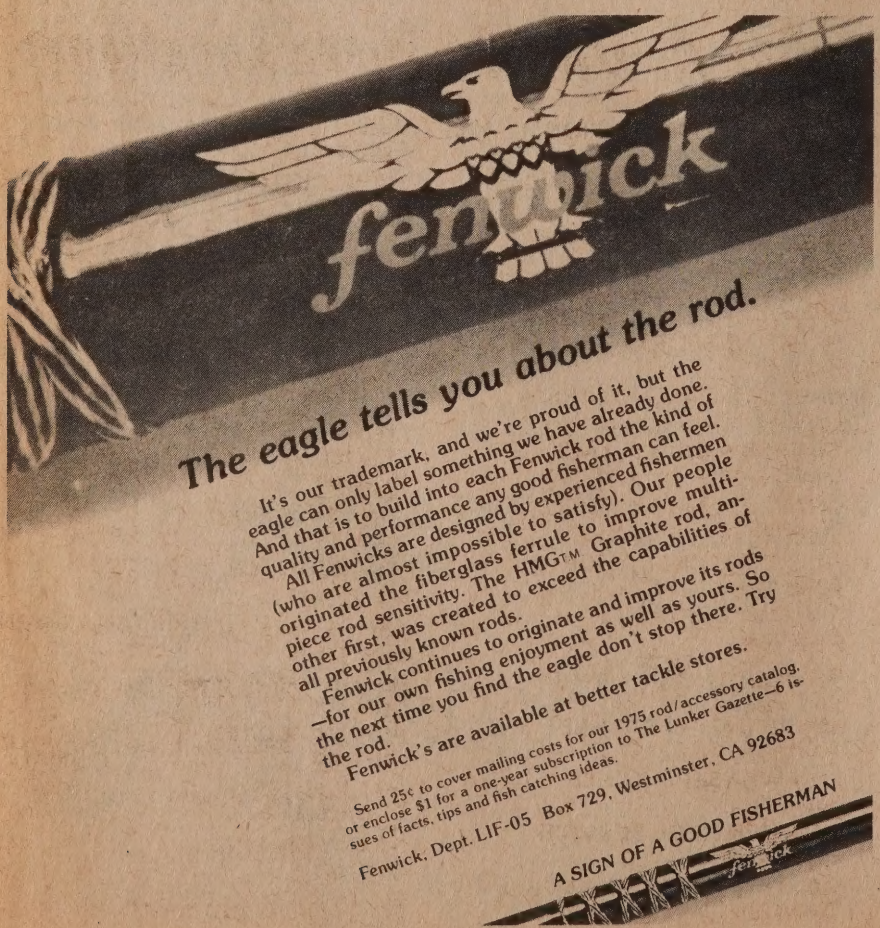
Terns and gulls are often indispensable allies—but not always! There are days we break our backs as they scream and dive, but there is nothing bigger than bait fish under them. One day a school of herring were splashing all over the length of West End: the birds and the anglers went wild. Beaten, I sat on a log. Lo' and behold, I spotted a bass in the wash, far in from the riotous action. Ten minutes later I had three stripers in the five-to seven-pound class thrashing in the sand. The other casters, in their haste to get their lures out again, were dragging their lures over the bass full speed while the bass hit on a slow retrieve. Another time, at Breezy Point, the bass were feeding a good hundred yards behind the birds, rolling on the surface. The crowd followed the birds while my buddy and I, unnoticed by them, filled our chains with nice fat schoolies.

If you brave the mosquitoes and snags on the inlet side at night your ears take over. With no crashing surf to interfere, the splashing of feeding fish is easy to spot. Remember this: at night your lure is most effective when it is barely moving. Stick to surface plugs to avoid the snags.

If you have the time to scout the back areas by daylight you have a big advantage. Look for rips, small streams —such as that at the northwestern end of Tobay—and make mental note of those snags that are death to waders. Sunset to sunrise is best for fishing. Any stage of the tide may produce but I prefer the outgoing water, especially at the mouth of the streams. Most of the fish will be school-sized and light tackle is recommended. Weakfish often add to the action. There are times, though, when big cow bass move in, so it may be well to have some heavier gear in your car and pray it's not too far away!

One final word on fishing the "back country" at night. Usually the wind dies down as the sun sinks. If it doesn't, and a chop persists, go home and sleep. I surmise the bait seeks the bottom and your quarry will follow.

A few years back a well-known fishing club hit on the idea of using walkie-talkies. Spreading out along the beach, they were able to transmit any good news to one another. Unfortunately, the regulars quickly noticed when they started converging and often beat the members to the scene of action. Now they have reverted to "Walk, Look and Listen". That's all you really need!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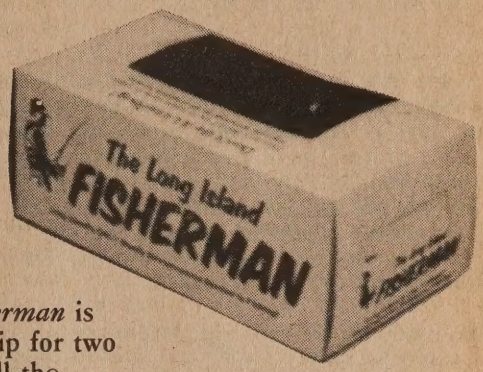

Starting with the May 29th issue, *The Long Island Fisherman* is holding a contest where our readers can win a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the 45 convenient locations listed below and pick up an L.I.F. litter box for the rear window of his car. Each week the license plate number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, just call *The Fisherman* by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received by the deadline, the cash prize will accumulate.

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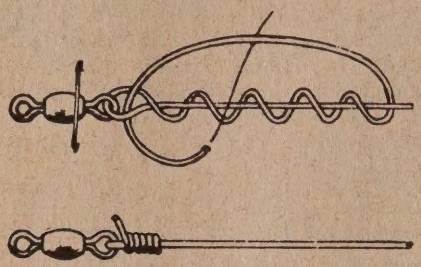
Great South Bay Weakfish

Catching Weaks in the Babylon and Islip Areas

by "Doc" Grell — ***Part Two***

At any rate, if you are fishing the shallow water drains of the Bay there is no question that you will lose lures, hang your line up on your reel, and have weakfish reverse direction on you, leaving you with nothing more than a loud crack of your line as you panic and tighten up the drag when you see your expensive 6 lb. test line leaving your reel in large quantities. If this occurs at dusk when visibility is poor, your big tide-runner will disappear like a phantom.



IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT

In tying my plastic shrimp to the line I use the Improved Clinch knoe. See Diagram.

If you are using small Hopkins metal lures, or others that turn and spin, it is important that you employ small snap swivels connecting line to lures, otherwise you will twist your line as well as cut into it sooner of later at contact stree points. Once again, as soon as you begin to employ snap swivels and small 10 to 12 lb. test wire leaders, you now have entered the hardware business and have cut down on your lure action and fish yield. I have tried very small snap swivels on my Salty Dogs; the amount of lure action that is eliminated and reduction in fish catch is unbelievable.

TIPS

1. Do not lift these fish with light tackle into your boat. Net them.

2. If a bluefish nips off your Salty Dog, change your lure to a Hopkins, small Rebel or bucktail and place this on the end of a short wire 12 lb. test leader. Boobie-trap him, otherwise you will rapidly go out of the plastic shrimp business. Bay bluefish love Salty Dog tips.

3. If you find small bass around your boat, take off your Salty Dog blank and replace it with a small piece of white split pork rind and watch the action.

4. Fluke will hit plastic shrimp occasionally, so if you catch a couple replace your Salty Dog with a ½-ounce bucktail and a piece of pork rind. I believe that you will find Yourself in the small-to medium-sized fluke business. I have found ½-ounce to 1-ounce bucktails tipped with small pieces of pork rind to be very lethal lures for taking weakfish, bass and fluke.

5. Stay away from tightening the drag when you have a tide-runner on the hook. The temptation to do this on 6- or 8 lb. test line will be great, but don't! Allow the fish to run with your lure. This is what it is all about in catching weakfish, and is the thrilling objective you wish to attain.

6. If you are a "pump-and-grind-'em-in" type of fisherman and are into this habit because of catching stripers and blues, you will have to eliminate this "no catch 'em" habit. Weakfish mouths just won't take the pulling, ripping and tearing from this method of reeling them in.

7. Best time for catching weakfish is early in the morning; best in the evening just before dark in May and June.

8. Going into the top of the tide (flood) has always been my best production time. If you don't know tides from currents you will have to do a little oceanographic homework for the area in which you are fishing. In this regard I would get some tidal current charts of this area and begin to remember such phenomena as "when it is high tide at Fire Island Inlet you will still have three hours left of incoming tidal flow before you reach high slack water. High and low tide times are not current times, and you will have to make reference tables on particular areas in which you fish, since current flow will vary for different parts of the bay.

WEATHER

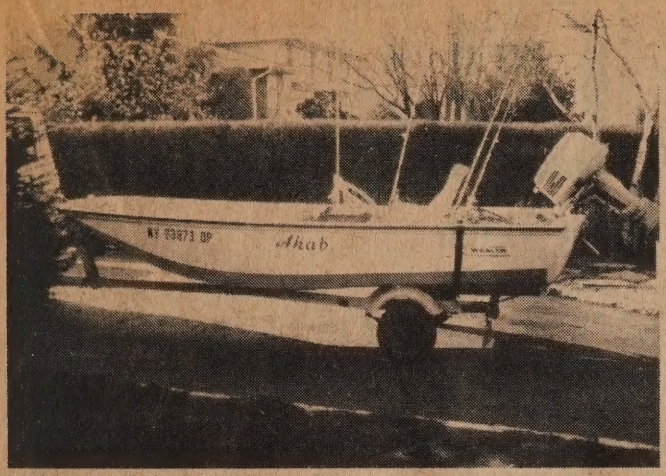
When the wind is out of the east or southeast, the fishing is the least." This is an old saying for Great South Bay which I have found to have considerable truth in it for the simple reason that, if you have an east wind of any speed, much of the flocculence and suspended materials in the eastern end of the bay, and wave action over a considerable fetch, clouds up the water down wind in the Sexton Island, Bay Shore flats and Heckscher State Park areas. In brief, look for the nice mornings or evenings to fish for weaks, and stay out of this area when there are whitecaps all over the place.

BOATS WORTH CONSIDERING FOR WEAKFISHING

The nice thing about weakfishing is that everyone can get some of the action...the guys fishing under the Bascule Bridge from the banks; those fishing from the docks; those bottom fishing from the head boats out of Captree, Babylon or Lindenhurst; and those guys fishing from small outboard skiffs in the 13-to 20-foot category as well as those "rear admirals" fishing from their big tuna boats. My major objective in fishing has always been to keep it as simple as possible from all angles: expense, ease of moving around, maximum fishing fun and, last but not least, maximum fish catch.

My rig, which has witnessed the catching of countless weakfish, is a 13½-foot Boston Whaler powered by a 25 horsepower outboard, which gives me plenty of fishing room for casting and economy of running (almost 4½ hours to a tankful). I have fantastic maneuverability in running into 1- to 2-foot-depth areas and seeking out shrimp-loaded holes where the big tide-runners hang out. I have yet to catch a big tiderunner in any major navigational channel in the Great South Bay which is traversed by fast-charging boats. If you like fishing in the middle of a marine engine speedboat regatta, best of luck to you. My buddy and weakfishing compa ion, "Weakfish Walter," was almost cut in half one night while drifting and jigging for weaks in West Channel in a slight haze.

If you have a small rig, don't forget to bring along a paddle. There is nothing worse than trying to change a shear pin on your propellor while you are hanging over the



The author's rig is his top choice for fishing the shallow flats for huge weakfish.

motor. It is much easier to paddle into shallow water and carefully change the wheel without losing the little cotter pin or the shear pin.

If you can afford it, pick up a Citizen's Band radio and a license. It is not a luxury to be in radio contact with other boats and a shore-based station. Your wife might like to know where you are broken down and what time you won't be home. You might even want to show some of your dearest friends where you catch the big one. But if you are smart, you will keep your trap shut—like the smart, monstrous tide-runner that followed my 13-pound, 2-ounce midget right to the boat.

If he ever comes back to my little old hole, all I want to do is say "Hi, what is your secret for living so long?" I know what he will say: "Aren't you that crazy guy that lifted my loud-mouthed kid brother out of this drain last year?"

I will say, with a wink in my eye as he croaks to me (you will find out sooner or later that male weakfish will croak and talk to you when they are caught), "No, I didn't lift your kid brother out of this drain. It was my fishing buddy "Weakfish Water". With that comment I will say "Hey, Willie! Want a free Salty Dog to nibble on? They are fin-lickin' good!"

SIZE OF FISH YOU KEEP

This will be a very tough decision for you make. Personally, I weakfish for the sheer sport of it; although I eat them and find them delicious, I cannot eat 30 to 100 of them. Remember that weakfish spoil rapidly and should be placed on ice immediately if you want the full thrill and enjoyment of eating these sea trout. I would say, eat those that you catch and stay away from the midgets in the ½-to 2-pound classification.

Develop the habit or releasing those you have no intention of eating. If you give them away, make certain they will be utilized. Don't let them rot on the dock, in your boat, or on the beach. This makes you a true fish-killer and a fish-glutton.

We presently have a great thing going for us in Great South Bay, with the return of the weakfish which were absent from our waters for many years. Stay away from the pregnant females if you can help it. Remember: the males croak, the females don't. They are a beautiful fish, so let's keep them around these parts for a few years.

WHERE TO GO TO FISH

Party Boats or "Head Boats"

All you do is bring yourself, your rod and reel and some food, and dress appropriately. You will also need money.

Rowboat rentals (boats and motors, boats and you supply the motor)

1. Babylon Fishing Station (Walter Schmidt). 23 Post Place, off Fire Island Avenue across from Aug[illegible] Tackle, Babylon, N.Y. 669-9510.

2. Charlie's Fishing Station. 301 Bergen A[illegible] Babylon, N.Y. MO-9-9552.

WHERE YOU CAN BUY BAIT AND TACKLE

1. Augie's Bait and Tackle, 450 Fire Island Avenue, Babylon, N.Y. MO-9-9837.

2. Captree Bait Basin, Captree State Park, Babylon, New York.

3. Charlie's Bait and Taclkle, 175 E. Montauk Highway, Lindenhurst, N.Y. TU-4-2021.

4. Charlie's West Bait and Tackle, 555 Montauk Highway, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 226-5335.

5. Duke's Bait and Tackle Shop, 53 West Montauk Highway, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 884-5023.

BOAT LAUNCHING RAMPS

1. Heckscher State Park. Go down Heckscher Spur off Sunrise Highway or Montauk Hwy. Excellent spot to launch for fishing eastern end of area denoted for weakfish. Small L.I. State Park Commission Fee.

2. West Islip Boat ramp. Down by Good Samaritan Hospital, west Islip, N.Y.

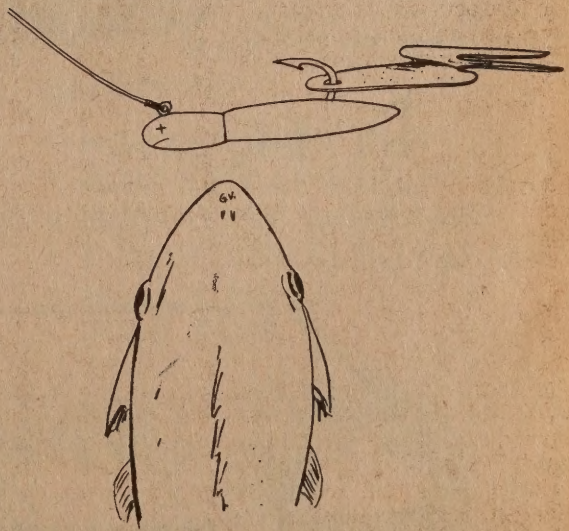
3. Village of Lindenhurst Public Ramp. Turn south by A & W Rootbeer, Merrick Road, Lindenhurst, New York.

4. Copaigue Public Ramp. Randell Park, Copaigue, New York.

5. Bergen Point Yacht haven. Bergen Avenue, West Babylon, N.Y. Small fee.

GOOD WEAKFISHING! Eat what you catch and establish a size limit to those which you keep. Anything below a pound is a real midget. Throw them back and let them grow up.

Tip of the Week



When you run across reluctant weakfish, tip your Salty-Dog, Bait-Tail, bucktail, etc. with a strip of pork rind, bump it on the bottom, then work it up a turn or two. G.V.

DIVER

by Jack "The Professor" Frech

Odd how one remembers the good, carefree past. In my memory are days upon days fishing for smallmouth bass and pickerel in the upper waters of the Delaware. Particularly in the West Branch from Deposit through Hale Eddy to Hancock. Always, and of course this can't be true, they were caught exclusivly on a Bass Oreno made by South Bend.

When a possible return to these waters became little but a dream, my tackle was burned out in salt water. As lures were lost they were replaced with more appropriate salt water stuff. However, always in mind has been the effectiveness of that old wobbler. All of my labors to modify it have been in vain.

One offshoot of these efforts is a hunk of wood I call the DIVER. It is used exclusively fishing from sand beaches or when standing out on a rock, fishing in deep water. In shallow water it hangs up too often to be of any consistent value. However, for those days when the fish are down deep, it is a luxury to have along.

All this plug does is to dig ever deeper and deeper while waggling its tail. It is armed with two belly hooks. A teaser consisting of a small amount of bucktail drags behind in place of a rear hook. A tail hook provides so much drag that the plug does nothing at all.

Seldom have fish over thirty pounds fallen for this plug. Possibly the tail action is wrong. When average-size fish are down deep and refusing all surface-type lures, this one can often fill the market basket.

Most swimming plugs, if fished correctly, seldom get far below the surface. Darters, if the fisherman is lucky and the tidal current strong, go down somewhere between four and six feet. I am probably way out on a limb with this six-foot depth. This weirdo has been checked out by a skin diver friend at about seven feet down. If true, this is reason enough to add it to the load in the surf bag under certain conditions.

Another reason for carrying it is the fact that it will ride true in the roughest surf if a medium speed retrieve is used. There is so much driving force built into the shape of the head that it remains stable—no matter what the water conditions!

This plug is simple to build. Basically, it is nothing more than a cone-shaped body cut diagonally at the head. If there is any real difficulty in construction, it lies in cutting the shape and depth of the head.

1. Cut a birch dowel of 1¼-inch diameter into pieces six and one-half inches long.

2. Draw a diameter across the head, and from one end of it a center line the length of the dowel.

3. On the head diameter, ¾-inch from the junction of these lines, mark the position for the hanger eye used for attaching the mono. Drill this hole 1¼-inches deep.

4. Also on the head end, draw a circle 1/8-inch inside the outer diameter. Next, mark a line around the dowel 1½-inches from this end.

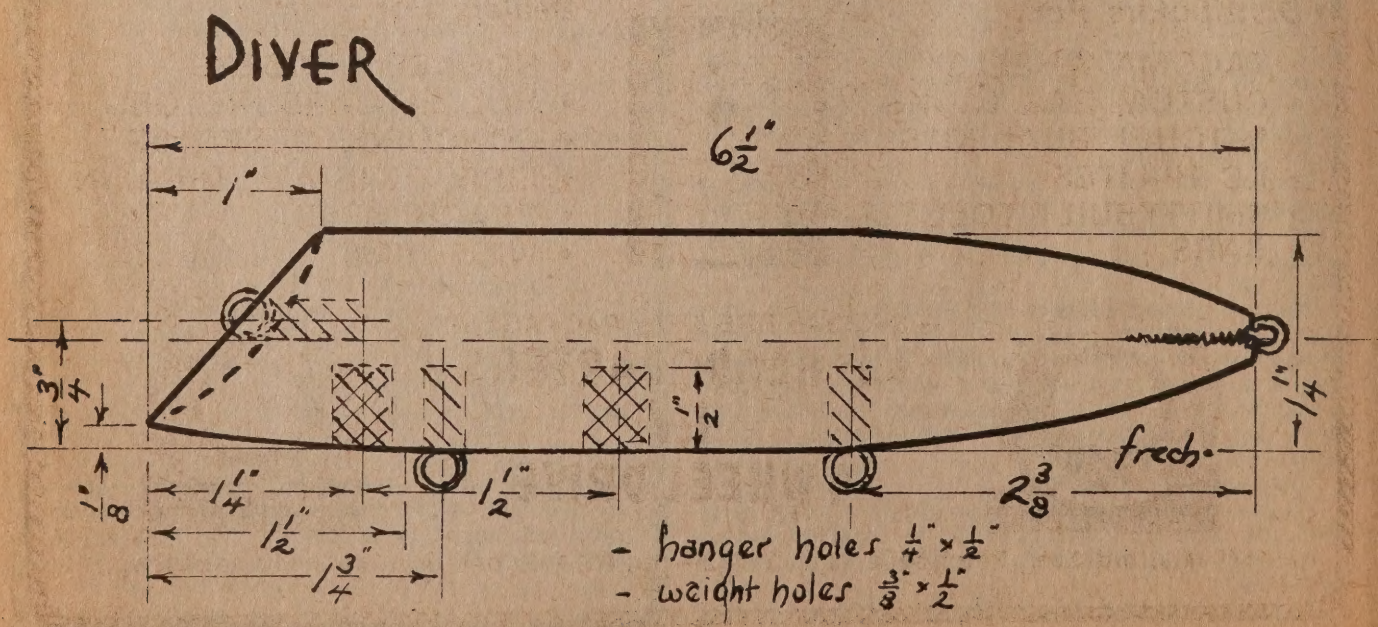
Remove the excess wood between these lines and round the taper with open coat sandpaper. Rejoin the diameter and the center line.

5. Drill a 1/16" hole, ¾-inch deep, in the center at the tail end. This slim hole will be used to guide the tail screw eye.

6. Lay out and cut the sloping head, using a fine-toothed saw. The bottom of the cut should be exactly at the junction of the center line and the head diameter.

7. Mark the position of the belly-hook hangers and balancing weights. Drill to the proper depths. I make this plug in two different weights. One carries a single forward slug and the other, two, as indicated in the plan pictured in this article.

8. On the tail end, mark two circles: the first, ¼-inch inside the circumference; the other, ¼-inch from the center.



Around the body, 2 3/8-inch from the end, mark a line. Remove the excess wood between these two outside lines.

Again, mark a line around the body on the resultant sloping surface one inch from the end. Remove the excess wood between this line and the remaining circle.

9. Holding the plug body in a vise, round off this taper with a sandpaper strip. I use a #1 or #2 for the rough work and smooth with a 2/0 strip.

10. Cut the concavity in the head. This is probably the most difficult operation; difficult because the concavity is deeper toward the lip. A burr in an electric hand drill is used for this job, but without practice it rides all over the place. Earlier, when performing this detail, I learned to drill a shallow hole in the deep part to help control the burr. Smooth with thumb covered with sandpaper.

11. Epoxy hangers and balancing weights in place. Fit the tail screw eye. Satisfactory eyes can be purchased from Herters, Inc., Route 2, Mitchell, South Dakota 57301. The item is listed as plug screw eyes, open model, brass nickel-plated, one inch long.

Be careful! do not attempt to hang a hook on these screw eyes. They are soft. I'll never forget Whitey Pawelski when it comes to these screw eyes. He begged a plug. Removed the tail sweetener and in its place substituted a treble hook. Of course, he tied into a good fish, and that same fish pulled the hook out of the screw eye. Whitey was still swearing when he left the area permanently a year later for Florida waters.

12. Soak in boiled linseed oil and finish.

Construct a number of thin bucktails. Bend some light copper or brass wire into an eye. Leave the shank about one inch long. This makes it easy to hold. Using a small wrap, fasten the selected bucktail at the base of the eye. With a family of females there is always leftover nail polish to coat this wrapping.

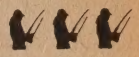
Later, after this teaser is dry, fold back the bucktail and cut off the unnecessary length of wire.

13. Fasten the teaser in the screw eye.

This is a comfortable plug to use. Frankly, it wobbles a bit in flight because the weight is forward. It doesn't exactly hit the horizon because it is not heavy enough. However, it calls for no fancy action except a medium speed retrieve. Occasionally, I impart a short lift of the rod tip to make it hop under water.

Think before substituting a hook of any sort at the tail. It has been my experience that this results in many hang-ups with the mono.

Try it! If you have deep water within casting distance, you will like it. Especially, this will be true if you remove the rear belly hook, wrap on an eel skin and thus turn it into a deep running skin plug.



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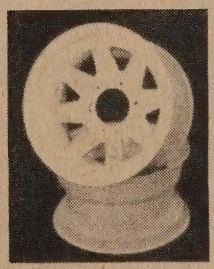

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THE RIP

by Fred Schwab

Part Two

Part I of this four-part series described currents and rips, discussed their relationship with the tides, the effects of certain meteorological factors and explained why such water conditions are of importance to the angler.

A description of each and every rip and swift current to be found within Long Island waters, and how to fish them, would be a hopeless task, so with few exceptions we will speak in generalities, which it is hoped will be applicable to most, though certainly not to all.

At this point it must be clearly understood that there are rips which do not produce fish, at least not in quantity or quality. Then there are those which offer superb fishing during one period of the season or under a very particular set of conditions, and little or none at other times. Finally, there are some which produce with remarkable regularity but seldom, if ever, yield large fish. Therefore, for each location fished the angler must learn from his experiences and those of others.

The most productive stage of the tide in which to fish rips varies. Some locations produce swift currents and resultant rips during both outgoing and incoming water; however, the strongest of these are present on only one tidal change and it is that one which should receive the most attention. For most locations the best generalization is an outgoing or dropping tide, but there are notable exceptions. The most outstanding of these would be the rip which forms below the Montauk Lighthouse. While at times it is possible to pick fish at this spot during various stages of the tide, the last three hours of rising or incoming water are far and away superior.

Admittedly, there are a good number of Long Island's rips which this writer has never fished, but of the many which I have worked repeatedly through the years, there isn't one which does not produce best on a particular wind. For the most part, the wind's effect upon the miles of outer beaches along the north and south shores can, for each shore, be spoken of in certain general terms; primarily because water depths, composition of the bottom, bait movement, water clarity and so on, are comparatively uniform. The same cannot be said of rips, for each has it's own peculiarity.

A wind in your face will often move the rip and fish in closer at one location, while at another it will cause a hopeless weed condition or cloudy water, and these instances would be subject to variables dependent upon wind velocity. You'll get longer casts if blowing on your back—and perhaps very clear water—but this wind may also push the bait and fish further out and, if a chop or wave action is necessary, wind from this direction is least desirable as it tends to flatten the surface.

A cross wind might improve water and bait movement or, on the other hand, restrict either or both; it will also create a "belly" or slack in your line which could interfere with your casts and the ability to feel a fish strike. To attain a reasonable degree of success the angler must play the percentage game. He must discover the best set of circumstances for each location and fish accordingly; thus the best combination of tide, moon phase, wind and time of year must be ascertained. This *cannot* be over-emphasized.

The question of what tackle to use is really a matter of choice. In general the rod and reel should be those with which you feel most comfortable. Of course the location to be fished, lures to be used and size of fish expected dictate whether light, medium or heavy gear should be used.

When fishing the smaller rips along the north shore or within the south shore bays, for weakfish, school bass and small blues, my preference is light spinning tackle consisting of a 6½-to 7½-foot one-hand stick and a complementary reel loaded with 6- or 8-pound test monofilament line. Such tackle is used with ease, permits the effective handling of the lightest of lures, and, because the smallest of fish are not hopelessly over-matched. affords the angler full pleasure from each fish hooked.

Heavier gear is preferred for the larger rips, particularly in the fall, when big fish are present in greatest numbers, are more agressive, feeding on larger bait and show a marked preference for bigger lures. Most "regulars" use a one-piece spinning rod of roughly 11½-feet and when distance is critical or desired, some will switch to a 13-footer. Big Crack (formerly Luxor) and Penn reels are favored. These have ample line capacity and, following some heavier backing, should be filled with monofilament testing between 12 and 20 pounds. My preference is 15-pound test with extra spools of 12 and 20 close at hand to cover any eventuality.

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Regardless of the make or size of reel you use, a *smooth* drag is important; also, it's good advice to treat your reel with tender loving care: regular cleaning and lubrication pay off.

Basic to completing your outfit are waders and a water-resistant, hooded pullover top, a sturdy over-the-shoulder compartmented plug bag, and a utility belt for carrying a stainless short-handled gaff and a brass or stainless fish chain. If you stick with the sport, you may even want to add a wet suit to your inventory.

While most lures can be fished in a rip, there definitely are models which have the edge and fall into the "reliable" category. However, the knowledgeable angler knows that there are times when less-reliable designs are hot items, sometimes for reasons known only to the fish. Therefore, the contents of their plug bag will be dominated by an assortment of reliables varying in size, color and weight...but a few of the less productive models will be included.

When selecting lures for a particular outing, a number of factors must be considered. The most important are, in no particular order: the tackle which you plan on using, species, size of fish and type of bait you know or expect to find in the area, and water and wind conditions. On the assumption that the importance of these factors is obvious, we'll skip the details.

For light tackle, 3"- to 5½"-swimmers such as the Rebel and Red Fin are excellent choices, with floating models having the edge. The smallest Atom swimmers, bottle plugs and poppers are worthy of attention. Rubber worms, bucktails, small plastic eels and shrimp also catch their share and should be taken along. If daytime, small tins should be in your bag. The beauty of small lures is that, unlike many of the larger models, they appeal to the fish throughout the season, even during those summer doldrums when the big ones seldom find a taker. What's more, they will tempt all three of the most popular species found in out rips; namely bass, blues and weaks.

Heavy tackle favorites include Junior and big Atom swimmers, darters (large and small), bottle plugs, big bucktails, large Red Fins and Rebels, and, lest we forget...when conditions permit, the rigged eel. During daylight, popping plugs and tin jigs are favorites.

Part III will cover how to fish a rip and contain a bit of history pertaining to the relatively recent development and popularity of surf fishing.

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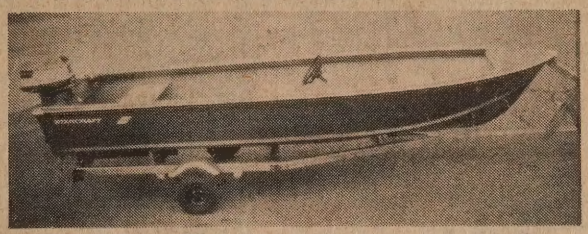

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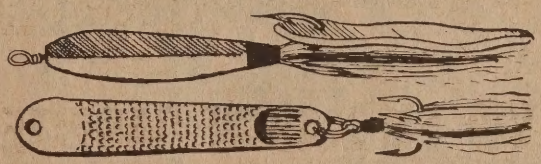

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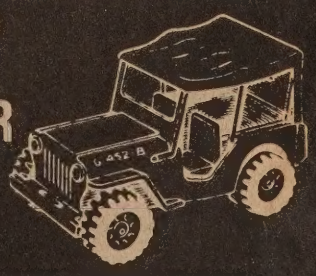

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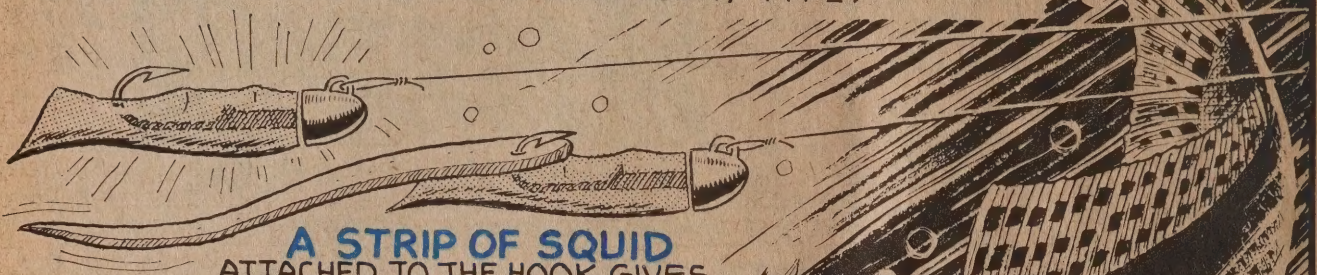

A STRIP OF SQUID ATTACHED TO THE HOOK GIVES THE JIG A "SCENT" WHICH HAS ADDED FLUKE, SEA BASS, KINGFISH, BLUEFISH AND OF COURSE, SEA ROBINS, TO MY POT.

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Captain Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen II** said that the area south of Block Island is loaded with codfish 10 to 30 lbs. Fishing was very good on Sunday with almost 400 cod taken by 35 people. Big codfish are at Cartwright but not much in quantity.

Captain John Sweetman of the **Ebb Tide** reported big mackerel in the 2 lb. class are committing suicide at Inner Cartwright in 68 to 72 feet of water. All areas are producing good codfishing, 5 to 6 lb. pollack and huge bulldog blackfish 8 to 12 lbs.

The **Helen II** has been doing a good job on codfish southeast of Block Island, according to Captain Brad Glas Fish are averaging a hefty 15 lbs., with a few small pollack, occasional blackfish and 1 snowshoe flounder mixed in. The Helen II will begin running open 7 days a week at 7 A.M. for fluke during the month of June.

Captain Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** took the largest cod taken at Montauk in almost 10 years last Wednesday. The seventy and a half pound giant was taken by Matthew Noschese of Smithtown, and also was part of a 90½ pound double header—the second fish weighed 20 lbs. Score for the day was 50 cod and 20 bulldog blackfish for 4 men. Seven of the cod were over 30 lbs., and two were over 40. The Outer Cartwright Grounds is the hot area for these big fish, but the fishing slacked over the weekend.

Jeb Stuart of Montauk with a 60 lb. cod taken aboard the Viking Star on May 3rd. Catch for the day was 800 codfish.

The codfishing at Montauk is in full swing, as evidenced by these large cod hanging from the rail of the Marlin III.

Ronnie at **Gone Fishing Marina** said that the cod action has died considerably inshore. Flounder in the 2 lb. range are being taken at Washington Shoal and Culloden Point. A few school bass were taken from the beach at Ditch Plains on sandworms. Sand eels and mackerel are all over the Montauk area.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said that experienced fishermen are making good catches in the 40's of big flounder. Three anglers fished east of Goff Point and took 42 fish up to 3 lbs. Chumming with mussels a must. Drifting along the east side of Cartwright Island in 6 to 12 feet of water is also producing some big fish. Over a dozen flounder of 3 lbs. were weighed in Saturday. A few large blackfish 4 to 8 lbs. are mixed in. Incoming water is producing best and terns are working over sand eels in the area. A few large flounder up to 4 lbs. were taken at the south end of Tobaccolot Bay, and this area should be opening up soon.

SAG HARBOR

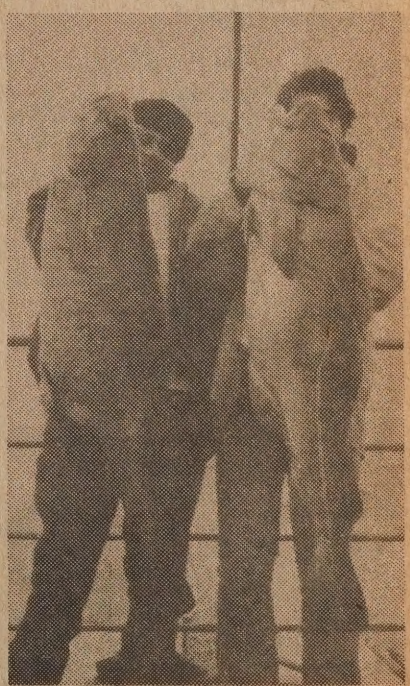
Barbara Smith of the **Noyac Marina** said that weakfish hit their area on Saturday. Frank Pawelski Sr. and Jr. and Joe Carpina, all from upstate New York took seven weakfish on Salty Dogs with squid strips at buoy 17 off Jessups Neck. Largest was 5¾ lbs. They also took 40 flounder 1½ to 2½ lbs. off the Monastery chumming with mussels. Flounder are great, mackerel are spotty.

SHINNECOCK

Mickey at **Altenkirch Tackle** reports that there is a weakfish blitz in the Shinnecock Canal as an example, Tom Goldwasser of Massapequa Park took a fantastic 83 weakfish up to 6 lbs. casting from shore into the canal. Pink shrimp and bucktails are producing whenever the locks are closed. The **Captain Clark** is getting big porgies while the **Captain Clarke II** is loading up on weakfish.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing station said there is very good flounder fishing right in front of the station and at buoys 16 and 17. Boats are averaging from a ½ to a full bushel of ¾ to 1¼ lb. flounder. Chumming with mussel or corn with bloodworm for bait is producing on any moving water. Two boats fished for fluke in the east channel and combined for a catch of 22 fish averaging 3 lbs. They also took 3 weakfish on their killie and squid combo baits. Killies and sand eels are in the waters of the Bay.



Samuel Lugos of New Jersey, left with a giant hake, and Willie McNamara of Brooklyn hefts a monster codfish. Both were taken aboard the Peconic Queen II at Montauk.

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Joe Juchter, Mike Zuzio and Joe Heimbauer with 40 flounder, 1¾ to 3½ lbs. and 3 blackfish taken at Can Three in front of the Promised Land Fishing Station in a rental skiff. Seven fish were over the 3 lb. mark. Photo courtesy of Promised Land Fishing Station.

MORICHES BAY

Chet at **B&B Tackle** said the fishing season has busted wide open in Moriches Bay. Captain Tom Cashman of the "Rogue" and Chuck Perrone took 12 nice fluke in the New Cut on sand eels and mackerel strips during outgoing water on Saturday morning. Saturday night they took 12 to 15 weakfish in the 5 lb. class on shrimp lures, mackerel strips and worms. Largest weak was a healthy 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Flounder are very good in Harts Cove and at buoy 27. The mackerel outside are scattered but good catches are still being made. There is a million small blueclaw crabs in the Bay already, a good sign for a banner crabbing year.

Skidmore's Fishing Station reported very good flounder catches at buoy 43 and 42 boats are averaging 20 to 100 flounder each. Bloodworms and mussel chum on any moving water. Salty Dogs are producing weakfish up to 7½ lbs. at buoy 42.

Beautiful weather made for great flounder fishing over the weekend, according to Romona Seifert of the **Silly Lily Fishing Station**. Louie Schrader and his wife took 100 flounder on Saturday. Best areas are east of buoy 38, Harts Cove off the Radio Station and at buoy 42. Chumming with mussels and bloodworm baits, any moving water is producing an average of 40 to 80 fish per boat. The fish are all nice and thick One fluke of 3 lbs. was taken on Saturday on incoming water in the Old Cut.

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** said that brothers Paul and Fred Stuart scored with 140 flounder ¾ to 1½ lbs., and Jack Sengel and Henry Will had 120 fish over 10 inches. All boats had nice catches of flounder north of buoy 27 and off the Brown House. Chumming with mussel and bloodworm or died red clams for bait on any moving water. Lots of bait fish

Joe Micellie, Gary Kozan and Ronnie Moniz of Great Neck with 50 flounder they took off buoy 43 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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in the water, mostly sand eels and spearing. The fluke fishing should be starting soon.

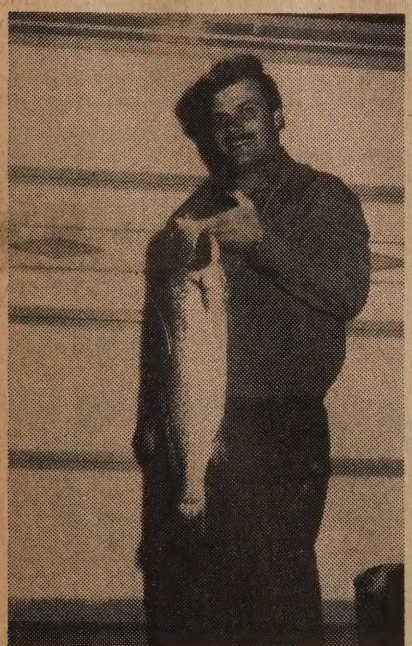
Bob Cole at **Moriches Bait & Tackle** reports mucho weaks. The largest he weighed in over the past week hit 9 lbs. 2 ozs. Hotest lures are tri-fins, artificial shrimp tipped with squid strips and kastmasters. Some fluke have even taken shrimp jigs. Try west of SMith Point Bridge any moving tide. Flounder are all over the Bay and will be glad to oblige if you will just feed them some worms along with mussel chum appetizer on outgoing water. Try buoy 27, the Flats, Forge River and the Inlet. There's good blackfishing on the Jetty's on fiddlers and green crab on high outgoing water.

MASTIC BEACH

Ronnie at **Keenan's** reports good weakfishing in the six to seven pound class 8 to 12 per boat on shrimp jigs with squid, best on incoming morning tides. A few dozen fluke were also taken on sand eels over the weekend at buoys 20 and 21, were flounder are still strong also on bloodworms and mussel chum.

WEST SAYVILLE

J&R Sports Center informs us that on Saturday an unidentified angler weighed in a 7¼ lb. weakfish taken out of Heckscher, no further details.



Big weakfish taken at Shinnecock Canal on May 6, 1975 by Doug Callahan, 28¼ inches long weighing a little better than 8 lbs., caught on a Salty Dog. Subscriber Club Photo.

A 16 lb. carp—32 inch long and 21 inch girth caught - April 30th 1975 by Matthew A. Cordova of Garden City Park, N.Y. at Lake Success. On a worm. L.I.F. Subscriber Club Photo.

Rusty Powel had 9 weaks and kept 6 over 5 lbs. taken on pink artificial shrimp. Generally it's been a slow pick on weakfish. Try Range Channel from Heckscher on outgoing water. Flounders are still good on bloodworms and mussel chum, though size seems to be deminishing a bit off Heckscher.

South Bay Fishing Station weighed in an 11½ lb. blackfish taken off buoy 5 on squid. Alot of weakfish up to 7 lbs. are being taken on pink Salty Dog type jigs, without pork rind or squid in the buot 4, 5 and 19 areas, 9 to 10 fish per boat. Best place for flounder seems to be buoy 29 on bloodworm on high incoming water.

Young's Fishing Staion reports that Frank Roublick and son Barry of Lindenhurst after alot of jigging had a nice catch of weakfish to 7 lbs. off buoy 18 and 19 Sunday on pink shrimp jigs. The average were 2 to 3 weaks per boat and you really had to work hard for them. Flounder has been good to 2 lbs. off Green Point and buoys 29 and 30 on bloods and mussel chum on outgoing water.

OAK BEACH

The Store reports some nice small bass in the mouth of Fire Island Inlet off the Bar, to 5½ lbs., on small kastmasters and white bucktails on high incoming water. Weakfish are all over—Ocean Beach, Buoy 13 and under the draw bridge. Pink rubber shrimp tipped with squid strips is a hot combo. There are weaks on the north side of The Store but it is slow. Still alot of blacks at all the rock jettys on fiddlers. Five fluke were taken on sand eels at the north end of the Moses Bridge. A 7 lb. bass was taken in the same place on outgoing water, on a pink shrimp jig. There was a weakfish blitz on Thursday at Cedar Beach for casters on outgoing water, casting shrimp jigs and Tri-Fins on light rods.

CAPTREE

Captain Speedy Hubert said that mackerel fishing has been excellent south/southeast stretching 20 minutes to 1 hour and 5 minutes from the Inlet. The macks are in close early in the morning and work their way out as the day progresses. Captain Speedy said he thinks that this weekend will be the last chance for good mackerel catches. The Speedy V is now going for weakfish in the afternoons at 4:30.

"Flounders galore, buckets and bagfulls" is the word from Mrs. Litwin of the **Captain Ben Litwin**. Hotspot is south beach by the Coast Guard Station, and all aboard are averaging 40 thick flounder and better. Fishing has been good all day with plenty of fish on every drop. The "cleanest boat in Captree" had a Mother's Day Special last Sunday and 23 mothers sailed free as a courtesy.

The **Captain Richie** said that flounder fishing is excellent all over the bay during all tides. Both bloodworms and clams are producing very good catches.

L.I.F. staff members Stu Miller and Scott Simons went weakfishing Saturday off Ocean Beach in Scott's Grady White Overnighter. Score for the day was ten weakfish, 7 for Scott and 2 for Miller and one in doubt as to the catchee. Hot lures were pink and white Lupo Shrimp slowly jigged on the bottom. They ran out of gas on the

Ralph Kleinberg holds a 35 lb. cod and 23 lb. pollack taken on diamond jigs and clams at the Submarine Buoy at Montauk aboard Captain Larry Kellers' "Jean III" at Montauk. Catch for the day was 21 cod and 4 pollack.

way back due to the failure of "Bad Winds, No Gas" Miller's failure to follow instructions properly, but luckile Scott's expert seamanship allowed them to drift a half-mile to the gas dock. L.I.F. editor Glenn Voparil was also on the scene in his small skiff and boated twenty weakfish. Glenn is experimenting with a new type hull that has a negative charge attracting it to all normal positive charged hulls while drifting, so keep an out and stay away from him.

The boats at Ocean Beach fishing for weakfish had to be seen to be believed-one could almost walk to shore on them, making drifting and locating buoys difficult. Scott fished the same area Sunday morning when less boats were around (Mother's Day) and boated 5 weakfish and a porgy. Hot lure was the ne Tri-Fin ¾ oz. Jig N' Tail, which may well turn out to be this season's hottest weakfish lure. It's heavier than the pink shrimp, staying right on the bottom where the weakfish are now feeding. Give 'em a try.

BAY SHORE

George at **Starfish Marine** called to report some excellent catches of large weakfish being taken on sandworms in the West Channel area. "Straight-shooter" Pat Panetta had heavy catches of weakfish at dusk drifting sandworms—average weak was 7 lbs. Tony Mannone had a very good weakend with 5 to 6 lb. weakfish on Salty Dogs with squid strips. "Dear Ol' Dad" Charlie Arciello stopped in with weakfish 6 to 8 lbs. he took on evening tides drifting sandworms. Tickets are on sale at Starfish Marine for $2.00 an angler for The Long Island Weakfish Tournament to be held Sunday, May 25th with a $500 cash prize for the largest weakfish.

Fred Lang, left holds an 8 lb. 7 oz. blackfish and Harry Goldstein holds a 5 pounder that were taken on clams and fiddler crabs on outgoing water at Oak Beach. A total of 47 blackfish were taken on Saturday and Sunday. Photo courtesy of The Store at Oak Beach.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait & Tackle reports great weakfish action, with fish up to 8 lbs. from Ocean Beach, buoy 13, Snake Hill Channel. This is mostly incoming tide, on artificial shrimp of all colors, with squid strips. Flounders are still very good at Heckscher and Good Sam on all tides using bloodworm. No fluke or shark reported as yet. Offshore there are mackerel and whiting in 60 to 65 foot water.

Charlie's Fishing Station says there is plenty of weakfish all over the Bay and off Bergen Point on jigged plastic shrimp while drifting. Fish up to 5½ lbs. have been brought in with high incoming producing best. Flounder action is good on bloodworms, particularly in the east-west channel on a flooding tide.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Bait & tackle proclaims WEAKFISH - WEAKFISH - WEAKFISH! Lots of weakfish this weekend in the 4 to 8 lb. range taken mainly on Tri-Fins (whiptails and jig 'n tails), and artificial shrimp. The biggest weighed in this weekend was a 12 lb. 1½ oz. tide runner taken off Ocean Beach by Bob Niven of Bay Shore on a bucktail on outgoing water madly jigging on a drift. This fish was 31 inches long. Mackerel are in 120 feet of water and seem to be thinning out perhaps due to invading bluefish. Try blackfish on the inside artificial reef on fiddlers and also try Moses bridge, all tides. These crushers are running to 5½ lbs. Flounders are large and seem to be schooling up in the channels ans inlets so try the edges of the channels, with bloodworms and mussel chum. A few fluke have started to show here and there. Also a few schoolie bass have been taken off the beaches on worm, clam, and small Hopkins and bucktails.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait & Tackle tells us that Andy Boyer of Sayville weighed in an 11 lb. 4 oz. blackfish on shrimp chum and a grass shrimp bait off Heckscher while weakfishing on Saturday (tide unknown). Unqua and Gilgo are excellent for weaks with shrimpies and high-low rigs tipped with sandworms. These weaks are in the 4 to 7 lb. range. There is shrimp and some killies in these local waters.

Mike's Fishing Tackle of Farmingdale reports very good flounder fishing at Biltmore Shores. A customer had 21 keepers from ¾ to 2 lbs. on outgoing tide, worms and mussel chum. Another customer had 4 to 7 lb. weaks that were breaking water there

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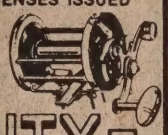

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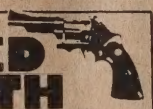

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also on the outgoing tide. He used Mike's Fishing Tackle's own "Little Stene" and "Flaptail Shrimp" in white and pink. The white "Flaptail Shrimp" was most effective on the first hour of incoming tide at Oak Beach.

SEAFORD

Pop's Fishing Station reports very good flounder fishing at the Four Corners Drain, Squaw Island, West Island on all tides, on bloodworm and clam and mussel chum. Catches are averagin 100 per boat up to 2 lbs. There are also some blackfish under the bridges on fiddlers and clam.

Salice Boat Basin, Charlie Salice says the flounder fishing is fantastic with 85 to 90 fish average per boat, along with several weakfish to 7 lbs. taken mainly on the west side of the Meadowbrook Bridge on pink artificial shrimp. Flounders are mainly at the third Wantagh Bridge area on worms, no chum on outgoing tide, fish to 2½ lbs.

The Lucky strike II reports flounder are getting bigger on Saturday the pool fish was over two pounds, on Saturday and quite a few fish were close to the pool fish in weight. Even

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the smaller ones were nice and thick. Fog kept the boat from going for mackerel last week, but May 25th it will be mackerel for sure.

Dell's Fishing Station buoy 7 on incoming tide and clam and worm baits produced 123 keepers for 3 N.Y.C. Policemen on Sunday. Other boats had at least 20 flounders per, fishing the draw bridge area.

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MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** informs us that Merrick angler Lennie Baum, son David and neighbor Steve Kroll had 21 weaks on Saturday at the Amityville Cut near the State Channel fish going to 5½ lbs. These were taken on small white bucktails without garnishment on incoming tide. There has been good flounder fishing Ned's Creek an Broad Creek were a few weakfish have also been taken. For flounder it's bloodworms and mussel chum on all tides, best in A.M. Try the Meadowbrook Bridge for blacks with fiddlers, present catches to five pounds. Some weaks at the big Meadowbrook Bridge on shrimp jigs.

The infamous **G. Korn** is temporarily laid up in South Shore Hospital, resting up after a mild heart attack. Korn's biggest gripe is that he is an "Inmate" in this hospital, while the fishing is so good. He is hot to trot and plans to assault the weakfish as soon as the doctor says "go". So, watch these pages for the further misadventures of G. Korn.

Some of you may have seen the **Long Island Fisherman** boat early Saturday afternoon drifting like a derilict. Though you may read other versions, the fact that Scott Simons, noted boatman and outdoor writer misread his fuel gauge, was the reason that we drifted helplessly for about a half an hour completely out of gas. Fortunately a strong wind blew us back to a dock and we were able to latch onto some fuel.

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FREEPORT

Anthony's Fishing Station is happy to say flounder action is in full swing and weakfish are beginning to oblige at the Swift Creek Bridge and the Loop Bridge Areas, the weaks falling to flounder rigs with clam baits. Some fluke are also taking these flounder rigs on incoming water. Short Beach is hot for flounder on clam and worm with mussel or corn chum. The flounder are running ¾ to 1½ lbs. with a 2½ lb. fish taken by Morty Albin at High Flats Drain on worm.

Starstream II had people clamoring to go home by 10:30 A.M. on Mother's Day as they had caught loads and loads of mackerel. As a matter of fact the mackerel fishing was good all week. Capt. Kessinger says to come and get them while they are lure.

The **Empire Fleet** says the flounder are fat and sassy. Some of these flatties are going to 2 lbs. The Coast Guard Station and Squaw Island are the best spots. Some blacks have been taken here also. Mackerel fishing by the other boat is close by at the whistle buoy. THey had four fishermen that caught 350 mackerel in two hours.

On Saturday the **Aloma** fished for flounders on morning tide then went outside and fished for ling on some wrecks. Dunday saw the high hook at 30 or 40 fish with the average at 15 fish. It was a fairly steady pick with mostly thick keepers to 1¾ lbs.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Marie II** on Saturday anchored on a wreck rather than chase the mackerel and fished for them and on the bottom. They had loads of mackerel and loaded up on 3 and 4 lb. sea bass that were taking clam bait on the bottom. Many small blackfish too small to keep were taken but they did not use crabs for bait. Sunday saw a very good flounder catch at the Meadowbrook bridge until the tide started to rip.

The **Angler II** said mackerel are only about ½ hour from the dock. Some of these mackerel are up to 2½ lbs.

Ed's Fishing Station said the flounders was fairly good. They were most plentiful at buoy 16 & 18 and in Cinder Creek. Blackfish are nor definitely in at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Some small striped bass of 4 to 6 lbs. have been taken near the Malibu Beach Club on worms. A few fluke have been taken but it is spotty.

ISLAND PARK

The Commodore sais the Short Beach area has loads of ½ to 2 lb. flounders and the fishing is fantastic. Some fluke are just showing-up in Reynolds Channel by buoy 16, 19 and 20 along with weakfish. Blackfishing is very good at the bridges and off the jetty. Mackerel are just south of Jones Inlet.

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook said the striped bass are hitting worms from Rockaway to Point Lookout. These fish run from 4 to 7 lbs.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marin said the flounder fishing remains good but the blackfishing is coming on strong. The Silver Point jetty holds some nice size ones that are eager to take fiddler crabs. Fluke have just started being taken on spearing at Duck Point. There fluke go about 2 lbs.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Good blackfishing at Atlantic Bridge Bob Spence and his son repeated their feat of last week by taking 44 keepers to 5 lbs. on fiddlers. The Silver Point jetty and the 28 Street wreck in Far Rockaway also have good blackfishing. Decent flounder fishing is at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and between buoy 9 and the Long Beach H.S. Al Polozoff had the first striped bass at Silver Point jetty. These 4 to 5 lb. bass took a white bucktail.

JAMAICA BAY

Crossbay Rod & Gun said there are plenty of flounder at the North and South Channel bridges with bigger fish near the Idlewild Airport. Worms, clams or mussels are the bait. Blacks are at the Marine Parkway bridge as well as small striped bass of 1 or 1½ lbs. Very good blackfishing at the Rockaway Point jetty. One man had over 30, none of which were under 2 lbs.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Neal at **Stella Maris** said there are plenty of mackerel at the Ambrose Tower. The Marine Parkway Bridge is loaded with blackfish. Flounders are slowing down. Striped bass activity is picking up as Neal weighed in a 10 lb. bass.

The **Big Mohawk II** said the mackerel are in heavy from buoy 4 to the N.C. buoy. Saturday saw the first fluke—it was 18½ inches. A lot of whiting are on the bottom.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** said the striped bass fishing has been steady since Thursday at Great Kills on the beach side. The best time is the whole of the incoming and the first of the outgoing in the late afternoon or evening. The fish are taking worms and weigh from 3 to 10 lbs. Flounders are there also. In the back of Great Kills Harbor the schoolies there are hitting Kastmasters and bucktails. The first bluefish of the season was taken in Raritan Bay from a boat drifting bait. They had 11 blues of about 2½ lbs. each. Princess Bay flounder fishing is still good but the striped bass fishing is slow.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

A.P. White Bait Shop said the weaks were plentiful at Jessup's Neck. For those who know you can get 15 to 20 weaks up to 6 lbs. South Ferry and Cedar Beach also have weaks taking the squid and worm combo. For those flounder fishermen South Ferry, Jessup's and Gardiners Island, Bostick Bay and Trumman Beach are all good spots. Sandworm, skimmers and mussel chum produce 2 to 3 lb. fish and very fe throw-backs. There are shinners and sand eels in the water.

NEW SUFFOLK

Captain Marty's Fishing Station said there are great weakfish south of buoy 24, try Salty Dog and a squid. Porgies of 1 lb. and better are south of buoy 30 and are taking skimmer clam and some worm. Catches have been up to 200. At Nassau Point the blacks are hitting on the porgie and flounder rigs. Flounder is also doing well there.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle in Aquebogue said some weaks to 8½ lbs. have been hitting all types of shrimp-tail lures south of Robins Island. Porgies are taking worm and squid and are mostly 1 pounders running up to 3 lbs.

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Shop weighed in a couple of monster blacks. On Thursday a 14 lb. 5 oz. blackfish was taken from Cedar Beach on a worm. Over the weekend Nicky Christ of Rocky Point using an ultra-light rig and 6 lb. test line pulled a 14 lb. 2 oz. black from the wash at Rocky Point. Earl said there are loads of blacks to be taken from the beach using sandworms. Ten or 11 blacks none smaller than 4 lbs., seems to be common.

PORT JEFFERSON

Captain Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** had excellent blackfishing on Sunday. These were taken on the falling tide using clam as bait. The biggest was over 10 pounds. In deeper water of around 35 feet big thick yellow tail flounders are hitting worm, clam and mussels. Some of these go to 2¼ lbs. off of Port Jefferson.

Captain John Fischer of the **Betty W** last week had very good blackfishing on the open boat. Pool fishes were 7 and 8 lbs. and up. Saturdays charter was the Waterman Steamship Company that had excellent blackfishing. Fifteen-year-old Kathleen Burnet was high hook with 11 blacks going from 4 to 8 lbs. Pool winner was George Lonardi with an 8½ lb. black. On Sunday again the big blacks were hitting and Bill Billoti of Patchogue was pool winner with a 9 lb. blackfish.

NORTHPORT

Captain Pete Novellino of the **Jennie Three** had good blackfishing Saturday and Sunday at Eaton's Neck. The blacks were taking fiddlers and clams. They also did some very satisfying flounder fishing at Duck Island were the flounders took a diet of sand and blood worms and clam chum.

The Chainlocker reports the Sand City area alive with all types of action. In this area there are mackerel, flounder and blackfish all being taken at varies times. Blackfish are predominant along Makamah and Asharoken Beaches. Inside Northport Bay the flounder fishing seems to be slowing down.

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Ronnie's Bait & Tackle said the blacks are in very strong in the shallow waters at Eaton's Neck and Target Rock. Boats are necessary to fish this area. The beach at Sand City was also a hotspot for these same blackfish. Fiddlers and green crabs were the bait and the largest of the blacks caught was 9 lbs. Flounders are deep inside Lloyd Harbor. Some of these are up to 2 lbs. Mackerel is still spotty but are best off of the LILCO Fueling Tower and in the deep water outside of Cold Spring Harbor. Inside of Cold Spring Harbor, worm trolling has produced striped bass to 4 lbs.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports reports good blackfishing at most of the rocky areas fishing from boats. Three to 6 lb. fish have been taking worms and some of the better spots are the monastery and off of the Creek Club. The best water is the top of the outgoing. The mackerel are solid and big. Striped bass are popping up all over and the worm troller who uses a spin rig at a walking pace should score fairly well. Flounders are still good in most of the usual spots.

BAYVILLE

Mike at **Pump's Fishing Station** said the mackerel are finally in at bell buoy 17 of Can 19. Blacks at the Center Island Reef are hitting well on fiddlers or skimmers. The best tide seems to be when it is half up and half down. A few flounders have also been taken at this reef. High water in this area

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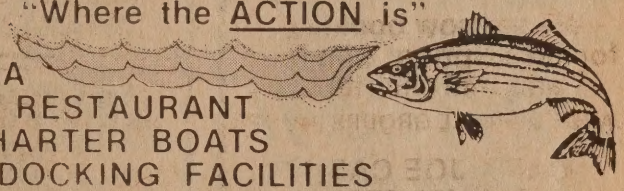

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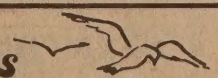

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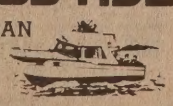

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CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle said that on Saturday and Sunday all his rental boats came in with blackfish. These blacks seem to be pretty solid around the City Island area and at the south end of Hart's Island. The beach area also has produced blacks. The Bronx side of the bridge saw one angler take a 13 lb. 4 oz. black from these waters. Flounders are still good at Sand's Point, Half Moon Beach and the east side of Hart's Island. School bass as usual are being taken from Turtle Cove on a variety of lures. The mackerel are still bashful and the catches have only been 14 to 19 per man.

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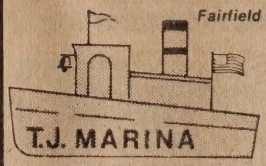

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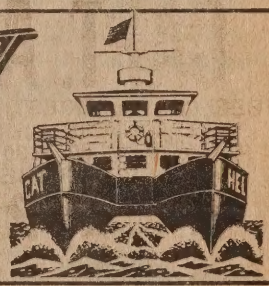

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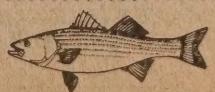

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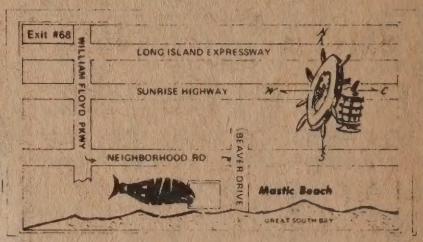

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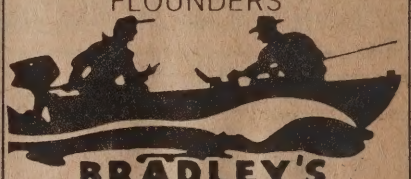

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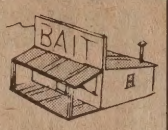

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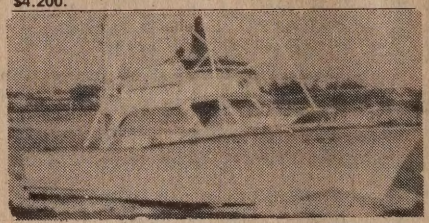

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TIDE TABLES

ON →	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
5/15 THURSDAY	11:42	11:50	12:28	1:15	2:18	2:51	2:36	3:12
5/16 FRIDAY	—	12:38	1:21	2:11	3:09	3:44	3:28	4:05
5/17 SATURDAY	12:49	1:36	2:21	3:12	4:05	4:43	4:25	5:04
5/18 SUNDAY	1:47	2:37	3:28	4:14	5:06	5:49	5:27	6:04
5/19 MONDAY	2:51	3:38	4:34	5:16	6:18	7:05	6:30	7:04
5/20 TUESDAY	3:56	4:40	5:40	6:13	7:43	8:20	7:34	8:02
5/21 WEDNESDAY	5:02	5:41	6:42	7:07	9:00	9:23	8:34	8:59
5/22 THURSDAY	6:02	6:34	7:38	7:59	10:01	10:19	9:31	9:53

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet −0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
5/15	8:45	**3:05**	9:15	**3:30**
5/16	9:45	**4:00**	10:10	**4:25**
5/17	10:40	**5:00**	11:10	**5:30**
5/18	11:45	**5:50**	—	**6:25**
5/19	12:10	**6:45**	12:40	**7:10**
5/20	12:55	**7:30**	1:25	**8:00**
5/21	1:40	**8:20**	2:15	**8:45**
5/22	2:30	**9:05**	3:00	**9:35**

PHASES OF THE MOON

5-11	5-18	5-25	5-3
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

5-6	5:55	7:58
5-12	5:49	8:04
5-18	5:43	8:10
5-24	5:38	8:15